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» Lee Pace stars in "Pushing Daisies"

To snack
Start your day off with a slice of pie from the "Pushing Daisies" tour at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Lincoln Park. You also can pick up show-themed magnets, pie cutters and spatulas.

To rock
Catch music from Matt Roan and Bang! Bang! along with a salonblonde eco-friendly fashion show and cocktails at a Rock the Vote event from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Wednesday at Double Door (1572 N. Milwaukee Ave.). $18-$24.

To decorate
Spruce up your place with some Fair Trade home decor items from Greenheart (746 N. LaSalle St.), including a cinnamon bark container ($10) and organic soy candles ($7-$18).

To eat
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TODAY'S FORECAST

Partly cloudy and warm with a slight chance of storms.

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Foggy then sunny	What a day!	Chance of storms	Cloudy, storms maybe

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CTA LOST AND FOUND

Did you lose something on the CTA? Let RedEye Going Public columnist Kyra Kyles try to help you get it back. Visit **redeyechicago.com/ctalostandfound** to post a note about your lost item. Same goes for the finders. Post a note about what you found and hopefully you'll make somebody's day.

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Wal-Mart unveiled a new Web site noting their efforts to provide locally grown produce at its stores. AP FILE

Born in the U.S.A.?

Labels will display country of origin for meat, produce

The Wall Street Journal

Attention, grocery shoppers: You'll soon know the nationality of your steak, potatoes and kumquats.

A federal law that takes effect Tuesday will require supermarkets and other big food retailers to label or otherwise display the country of origin for meat, produce and certain kinds of nuts. A number of foods will be exempt, including processed foods like breaded chicken or packages of mixed vegetables. Still, the labeling rule is welcome news for consumers who base their decisions in part on where foods were raised or grown.

"Where possible, we like to buy items from the U.S. because they're fresher," said Norman Carl, while shopping recently at a Whole Foods Market in Deerfield.

"It's also environmental," added his wife, Marlene Carl, whose basket was filled with sweet onions from Georgia and apples from Washington. "We're spending a lot of money to fly food here from other countries, and we like to buy locally grown food when we can."

The labeling rule, included in the 2008 Farm Bill passed this summer, applies to products sold in grocery stores and mass-merchandise outlets. It effectively exempts small food outlets and such places as butcher shops, restaurants and school cafeterias.

Consumer-advocacy groups have pushed for origin labeling for years, saying it can help shoppers avoid food from countries with lax safety regulations. Indeed, a rash of recent food scares in the U.S. and other countries seem to have raised consumers' awareness about where their food comes from.

FOOD RULES

The new labeling rules apply to meat from cows, lambs, chickens, pigs and goats, as well as to fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables, ginseng, macadamia nuts, pecans and peanuts. WSJ

Consumers might not see all labels in place by next week. Meat, nuts and produce that were produced or packaged before Tuesday do not have to be labeled with country-of-origin information. Food producers will have a six-month grace period to comply with the regulations. After that, producers that don't properly label their goods will be subject to fines of $1,000 per violation.

Still, many retailers and suppliers are aiming to meet the labeling deadline. Supervalu, the nation's third-largest food retailer by sales, which operates chains including Jewel-Osco, will list the country of origin on a sign next to produce items that aren't already labeled by suppliers, a spokeswoman says. For meat products, the retailer will list the nationality on the label showing the meat package's weight.

FBI investigates companies at heart of $700 billion bailout

Associated Press

WASHINGTON The FBI is investigating four major U.S. financial institutions whose collapse helped trigger a $700 billion bailout plan by the Bush administration, The Associated Press has learned.

Two law enforcement officials said Tuesday the FBI is looking at potential fraud by mortgage finance giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and insurer American International Group Inc. Additionally, a senior law enforcement official said Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. also is under investigation.

The inquiries will focus on the financial institutions and the individuals that ran them, the senior law enforcement official said.

The law enforcement officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigations are ongoing and are in the very early stages.

Officials said the new inquiries bring to 26 the number of corporate lenders under investigation over the past year.

Spokesmen for AIG, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac did not immediately return calls for comment Tuesday evening. A Lehman spokesman did not have an immediate comment.

Deepening market trouble was just one piece of the economic havoc that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson told senators would ensue if Congress lags in acting on the administration's proposal to rescue tottering financial institutions.

"I share the outrage that people have," Paulson said. "I think it's embarrassing to the United States of America. There is a lot of blame to go around."

> ***"There is a lot of blame to go around."***
> **HENRY PAULSON**
> Treasury Secretary

By the numbers

The first cell phone running Google's mobile software looks something like Apple's iPhone and has a large touch screen, but it also packs a trackball, a slide-out keyboard and easy access to Google's e-mail and mapping programs. Here's a look at the Google phone by the numbers. AP

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RAISING THE BAR

What's up with CTA trains lacking a horizontal bar so standees can have something to hold on to? When you stand in the middle of the car there is really nothing to hold on to, and the handles on seats are not convenient at all. This sounds like an easy fix, doesn't it?

Posted to redeyechicago.com/ctablog by "c'mon" on Sept. 22, 2008 at 9:17 p.m.

Riders bug out

Have you ever wanted to shush the CTA? That was the case for several riders featured in Tuesday's "Going Public," complaining about ear-drum shattering screechy spots on Red Line tracks and overly loud announcements. Columnist Kyra Kyles talked to the CTA and got the scoop on what the transit agency is doing to stop some of these ear irritations, and she asked riders what bugs them on the "L" and bus. In one case, at least, the answer was quite literal.

Roach coach?

I was riding the [No. 75]-75th/74th bus [Monday] to Damen [Avenue], and I happened to be taken aback by the other bus "guests" that were enjoying a ride. I use the word guest to be funny, but there was infestation—yes, roaches—on the coach. Now, I know that people often disregard the no eating, drinking, loud music, strollers in the aisles, no bicycles during rush hour, reserved seating for the elderly/handicapped announcements and postings, but I cannot disregard the pests.

Are the buses cleaned out after a trip/route? I just think that with all the money that is being invested in lifts, voice announcements and now digital signs can someone please set a little funding aside to get rid of the roaches? Also, it was brought to my attention by another rider that every bus she had ridden that day had infestation. Although the crowds and rustle and bustle of public transportation can be aggravating at times, I must say I would rather be cramped with my fellow CTA patrons instead of [with] roaches.

WILLIE HUNTER, 29, SOUTH SHORE

Mass transit music

I am a consistent rider of the Red, Brown and Purple Lines, and I would love to hear some jazz or relaxing music. Whenever there is a delay with the train, you always hear the computer-generated voice statement, "We apologize for the delay." Ugh ... why not play some relaxing jazz or elevator music? Music will soothe the savage beast and bring about a new ambience with your customers. Complaints will cease, and ridership will increase.

JOHN E. NELSON, 42, UPTOWN

Earth to operator

I recently boarded a [No. 3-King Drive] bus close to Millennium Park, but found myself getting off after only a few minutes due to an oblivious driver.

The bus was rather crowded and I chose a spot in the front with a clear view of both the driver and the road. After the first few stops, I noticed the driver struggling to keep his eyes open. Soon, both the driver's mind and the actual bus began to noticeably drift. When the driver nearly fell asleep at a red light, not opening his eyes to see the green in front of him for several long moments, I knew it was time to get off. Before exiting, however, the driver's lack of attention caused the bus to run into the sidewalk for a second. I have never experienced this problem before, and I never want to experience it again. I would much rather have late buses than drowsy drivers.

THOMAS BUCKLEY, 20, ROGERS PARK

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Palin vs. the media

VP candidate bars, then admits reporters to meetings

Associated Press

NEW YORK Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, who has not held a news conference in nearly four weeks of campaigning, initially barred reporters from her first meetings with world leaders Tuesday, but reversed course after they protested.

At first, campaign aides told the TV producer, print and news agency reporters in the press pool that followed the Alaska governor that they would not be admitted along with still photographers and a video camera crew taken in to photograph her meetings with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, who are here for the UN General Assembly this week. She also met with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

These sessions and meetings scheduled for Wednesday are part of the Republican campaign's effort to give Palin experience in foreign affairs. She has never met a foreign head of state and first traveled outside North America just last year.

THE BACKGROUND

Sarah Palin has been criticized for avoiding taking questions from reporters or submitting to one-on-one interviews. She has had just two major interviews since Republican presidential candidate John McCain chose her as his running mate on Aug. 29. AP

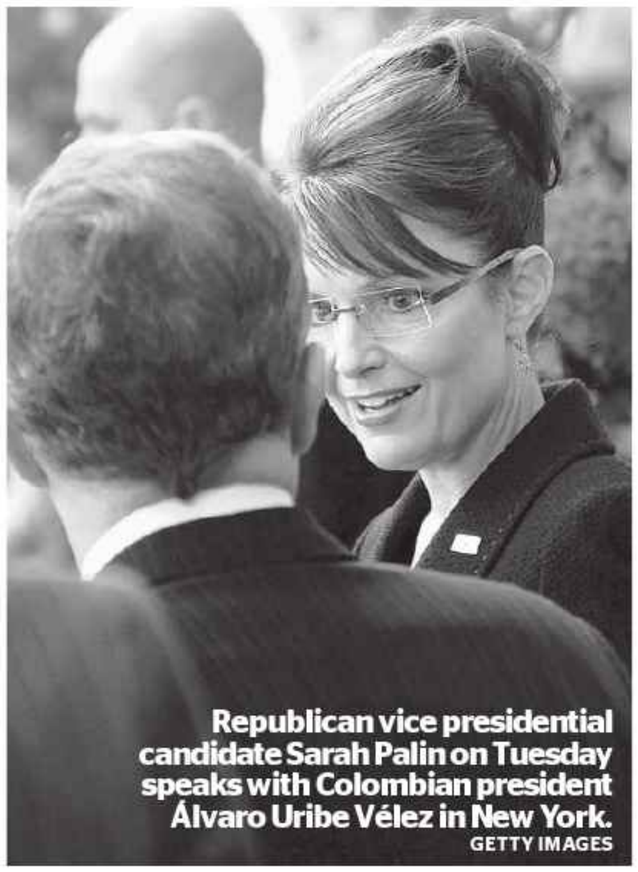
At least two news organizations, including The Associated Press, objected to the exclusion of reporters and were told that the decision was not subject to discussion.

CNN, which was providing the TV coverage for news organizations, decided to pull its TV crew from the first meeting, with Karzai, effectively denying Palin the high visibility she had sought. But after the campaign agreed to let CNN's producer in as well, the CNN camera crew joined the session.

According to the CNN producer who was let into Karzai's hotel suite with the photographers just before noon, Karzai was talking about his son. Palin was nodding, and she asked what his name is. Karzai replied his name was Mirwais and explained that it means light of the house.

The media were escorted out after about 40 seconds.

Campaign spokeswoman Tracey Schmitt said it was all just a "miscommunication." Earlier, she had said, "The decision was made for this to be a photo spray with still cameras and video cameras only."



Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin on Tuesday speaks with Colombian president Álvaro Uribe Vélez in New York. GETTY IMAGES

So long, Solo

Solo Cup, don't go! Solo Cup plans to close its plant in Highland Park and move into its Urbana plant later this year, according to The Associated Press. RedEye toasts the Solo Cup and its achievements.

Flip cup

Sixteen-ounce Solo Cups are the official cups of the United Flip Cup Association, according to the association's Web site.

Beer pong

The cup is also the official cup for the National Beer Pong League, according to the league's Web site.

Fashion statement

Daniel Feld created a sweetheart dress out of blue plastic cups in the first challenge on this season of "Project Runway." He wasn't named the winner but he was lauded for the dress. REDEYE

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New wave of fitness

If you're bored with simply lifting weights or running on a treadmill, don't fret: You can find other fitness options in Chicago. RedEye tested some of the workouts here that will give you an alternative to the daily gym grind. DB

STACIE FREUDENBERG FOR REDEYE

GO-GO DANCING

Why try it? We got our groove on '60s-style with this fun dance class. The Go-Go routines are surprisingly easy to follow (and trust us—we're not great dancers) and are loads of fun—especially if you dress up as a Go-Go girl (or boy) in short shorts, boots and a head band. Sweats and T-shirts are perfectly acceptable too. Learn cool moves like the Pony, the Jerk and the Hully Gully. Since you'll be bouncing around for an hour, you can rest assured you get a good cardio workout.
Details: The Galaxie, 2603 W. Barry Ave.; 7 p.m. Wednesdays; $12 per class; **galaxiechicago.com** or 773-267-6010.

KRAV MAGA

Why try it? So you think you're tough? You'll get a reality check when you show up for this Israeli street fighting class that uses boxing, kickboxing and Muay Thai techniques. You'll learn how to kick, punch and even run under pressure in this gritty studio. We picked up the self-defense methods one class, but it's best to take a few classes to build up your endurance, stamina and technique. You may have to use what you learn in an actual scary situation.
Details: Pow! Mixed Martial Arts, 950 W. Washington Blvd.; memberships and times vary; **powkickboxing.com** or 312-829-7699.

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HAWAIIAN HULA KAHIKO

Why try it? If you checked out the bodies of the Olympic rhythmic gymnasts this summer, you'll understand why you should try hula dancing—think tight abs, strong legs and a perfect bum, according to the folks at the Old Town School of Folk Music. This ancient form of dancing hails from Hawaii where it is a vital form of expression. Use your skills to show off during that Hawaiian honeymoon.
Details: Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave.; 10:30 a.m. Sundays; $145 for eight weeks if you register before Oct. 20; **oldtownschool.org** or 773-728-6000.

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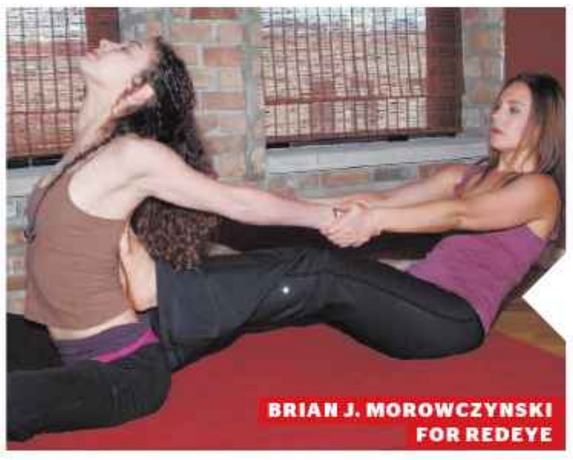
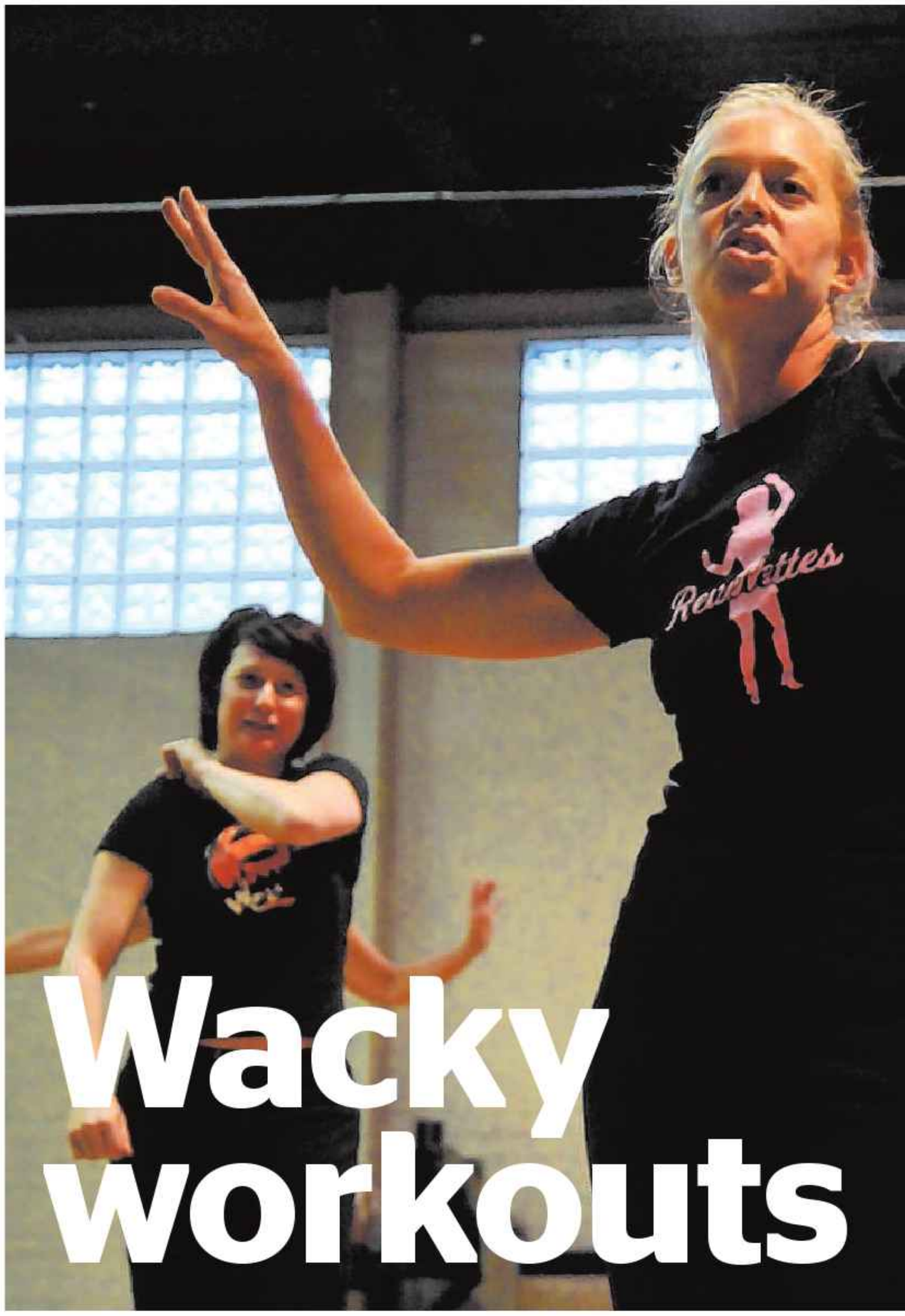
BODY WEB WITH TRX

Why try it? If you've ever been curious about how Spider-Man manages to hold himself up while climbing webs, this is the class for you, said Kelsey O'Neill, Crunch spokeswoman. While you won't be hanging from buildings, you will be dangling from durable cables. Put your feet into the top cables, and you can do reverse crunches, which use different abdominal muscles to give you a rock-hard core. Or hang from the top and use your body weight to do curls.
Details: Crunch, 939 W. North Ave.; 6:30 p.m. Thursdays; $16 for a one-day pass for non-members; **crunch.com** or 312-337-1244.


BRIAN J. MOROWCZYNSKI FOR REDEYE

THAI MASSAGE

Why try it? It's technically considered to be a private assisted yoga session, and it's pure bliss. The instructor/therapist puts you into various yoga positions while you lie on a firm mat. He or she stretches your body while massaging you to loosen your joints and muscles. We found that it's an amazing complement to a traditional yoga class.
Details: Soulistic Studio and Spa, 805 N. Milwaukee Ave.; by appointment only; $95 for 60 minutes; **soulisticstudiospa.com** or 312-226-7685.



Wacky workouts

Fitness buffs thinking outside the gym

DIETS JUST FOR YOU

Workouts aren't the only thing people are personalizing. Do-it-yourself diets are popular too. According to a new survey by NPD Group, the number of people dieting in the U.S. is the lowest it's been in more than 20 years. And for those who are dieting, the most popular regimen, according to survey respondents, is: "My own diet." In 2004, 29 percent of dieters were following a self-created regimen they described as "my own diet." By last year, the number had risen to 35 percent. THE BOSTON GLOBE

By Danielle Braff
FOR REDEYE

Kaara Kallen hasn't seen a doctor, but she knows she suffers from an allergy that keeps her from something she loves.

"I'm allergic to gyms," said the 34-year-old Irving Park resident, who says she loves to exercise.

But running on a treadmill doesn't get you anywhere, she says, and there's no point to lifting weights.

Apparently Kallen's not the only fitness buff looking for an alternative workout. The number of gym memberships dropped 3 percent to 41.5 million between 2006 and

Go-Go dance instructor Kaara Kallen leads a class at The Galaxie, 2603 W. Barry.
BRIAN J. MOROWCZYNSKI FOR REDEYE

Krav Maga student Kay Warnke practices punching Thursday at POW! Fitness in Chicago.
STACIE FREUDENBERG FOR REDEYE

Four things to know about workouts

If you're wondering if alternative workouts actually work, the federal government is nearing the end of a major effort to clarify things. Two years ago, the Department of Health and Human Services commissioned a panel to comb through the available science to clear up conflicting reports about exercising—how often? how long? how hard? The panel's report can be read online, and the agency is expected to issue a set of physical activity guidelines based on its findings, possibly as soon as October. Here's four major statements from the panel's 600-page report:

» A little goes a long way. You don't need to spend hours in the gym, hire a trainer or do anything uncomfortable to receive many of the health benefits associated with exercise. A half-hour walk five days a week, according to the study, translates to better health.

» More is better. The body adapts to stress, and if you progressively work harder, you'll see the results. The panel was agnostic as to what you do. Run, bike, swim or, yes, belly-dance: It really does not matter, as long as the intensity is there.

» For weight loss, even more is better yet. To lose weight, the panel found, you need to work out longer (roughly that same hour or more a day) or harder.

» Resistance isn't futile. Regardless of how old or strong you are, the panel found that resistance/weight training improved bone and joint health, and muscular strength.

THE WASHINGTON POST

2007, according to the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association.

And several Chicago gyms and other facilities are offering classes that go beyond the standard weight lifting and treadmill workouts—including Body Web, Israeli street fighting, Hula dancing and even Go-Go dancing.

Kallen created her own Go-Go workout. Now she teaches Go-Go dancing classes and is getting the exercise she craves.

Her one-hour classes take place at The Galaxie, 2603 W. Barry Ave., at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

"Doing something that's fun, and doing something that's in a group environment is a better workout because you're not watching the clock," she said. "You get your adrenaline up and you work harder."

Kallen learned what gyms have been discovering for the past few years: If you find a workout you enjoy doing, you're more likely to continue.

That's why Crunch gyms recently began adding alternative, quirky group fitness classes to its roster, said Lois Miller, Chicago regional group fitness director for the chain of gyms.

"People get bored, and they want more to their workouts than spinning and lifting weights," she said.

Ever since Crunch began adding such workouts as Body Web with TRX—an exercise class that allows you to literally hang from a web in Spider-Man fashion—more and more people have been flocking to the gym to take the classes.

There's more to it than having fun while you work out, Miller said.

Everyone knows you're supposed to mix up your fitness routine so your body doesn't get used to the exercise, which makes the workout less effective. Mixing up your routine with alternative classes prevents your body from getting accustomed to a single routine and your mind from getting bored, she said.

Now that people are more informed about their bodies and their fitness regimens, they're more open about experimenting with workouts that aren't weight- or treadmill-based.

"We're seeing that more so, and we'll definitely see it more in the future," Miller said.

In fact, it's the so-called "experimental" workouts that have MaryAnn Rouse of Long Grove willing to drive an hour so she won't have to take a step aerobics class ever again.

She attends Kallen's Go-Go dancing classes, as well as Latin Salsa dancing classes.

"I had been doing the traditional stuff for so long, and I got bored with it," Rouse said. "I look forward to my workouts now."

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Man arrested near Obama residence

Chicago Tribune

A man was arrested near Sen. Barack Obama's home Tuesday morning after he refused to leave the area and a gun was found in his car, Chicago police said.

The man, who has not been charged, approached the security perimeter of Obama's residence, which is about a block from his Kenwood home, about 5 a.m. and was stopped by a Chicago police officer assigned to the Secret Service security detail, said Monique Bond, spokeswoman for the Chicago Police Department.

The man drove up in his vehicle, got out of the car and "appeared to be intoxicated," she said. The officer spoke with the man, who then left and returned, Bond said.

The officer questioned the man again and then found a weapon in his vehicle, she said. The man, who does have a criminal history, did not threaten Obama, she said. "He was not considered to be an imminent threat," Bond said.

According to a source, police also found a bulletproof vest in the vehicle. The source said the man also talked about wanting to get a job.

The man is in custody pending charges, likely unlawful use of a weapon.

The area where the man was stopped is a check-point of sorts, where police have placed signs warning passersby not to enter.

Obama's campaign typically declines to comment on security matters and did so Tuesday in relation to this incident.

The Democratic nominee was scheduled Tuesday morning to fly from Chicago to Florida, where he will practice for Friday's debate with Sen. John McCain.

It was unknown whether Obama was home at the time of the man's arrest, although he likely was because he had been out late Monday evening attending two fundraisers in Chicago.

The U.S. Secret Service stepped up security for Obama when he officially became the Democratic nominee.

Scott Werner, a manager at Red Ivy, said on Tuesday the idea would hurt bar owners, and would hit bartenders and servers particularly hard. "This could potentially be our three biggest days of the year—St. Patrick's, New Year's and this," Werner said. "If you don't make money, you are not in business." ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIB UNE

Booze ban plan irks fans

Chicago Tribune

Wrigleyville bar owners and fans bristled Tuesday after learning city officials are considering asking bars near Chicago's baseball stadiums to cut off alcohol sales after the seventh inning of games in which the Cubs or White Sox could win a playoff series.

Ald. Thomas Tunney, whose 44th Ward includes Wrigley Field, said he believes Mayor Daley is trying to beef up security partly out of concern for Chicago's image as Sen. Barack Obama runs for president and the city seeks to attract the Olympics in 2016.

"We've got an election in November with a Chicagoan and an Olympic bid," said Tunney. "A lot of eyes are on Chicago. The mayor is very sensitive, and rightfully so, about handling special events."

Under the idea, bars would volunteer to cut off alcohol sales after the seventh inning—as the ballparks do—and the bars would resume sales at game's end. Daley rejected the notion that a two-inning moratorium would hurt bars.

REACTION IN WRIGLEYVILLE

» "People aren't stupid," said Andy Landgrebe, 26, who sells crane systems and sports a Cubs tattoo on his left calf. "They are going to find a loophole to find beer .... [or] they will overindulge in the seven innings."

» Dave Strauss, vice president of a sports bar Slugger's, said the proposal "was not the fairest thing in the world to owners."

"You can drink as much beer for seven innings as you want," Daley said. "It's not going to cost them any business. They made enough money all year, I'm sorry. We're just talking about common sense."

With the Cubs having clinched a postseason berth and the White Sox closing in on a division title, city officials will meet with liquor licensees at John Barleycorn's bar in Wrigleyville on Monday to discuss how best to ensure crowd safety during the playoff parties.

"I'm not enamored by [the idea of cutting off beer sales]," Tunney said. "Let's see if we can make it more palatable to our businesses. I think our residents know they live near Wrigley Field, near an entertainment district, and they want that handled responsibly."

Chicago police said they are prepared for whatever misbehavior may happen in Wrigleyville should the Cubs win their first playoff series, win the National League title—or win the World Series.

"We've done this so many times," said Monique Bond, spokeswoman for the department, pointing to other large-scale events such as public demonstrations and past Bulls basketball championships. "We have a playbook for this."

If it happens, police will close off streets and reroute traffic as necessary, keeping that plan flexible as crowds ebb and flow in the area, Bond said.

The alcohol moratorium plan could prove less contentious on the South Side because there are fewer bars near U.S. Cellular Field. White Sox spokesman Scott Reifert said many Sox fans drive in from the suburbs.

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3 kids in stolen SUV found safe

Three children who were inside a parked SUV when it was stolen on Chicago's South Side on Tuesday were dropped off on a house porch minutes later a few blocks away, police said. The children were sitting in the vehicle at 71st Street and Indiana Avenue when someone got into the vehicle and drove off, said Chicago police spokesman Daniel O'Brien.

Minutes later, the children were dropped off at a home in the 1500 block of East 72nd Street, O'Brien said.

MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE

No injuries in Loop fire

An electrical fire broke out in the basement vault of a Loop residential high-rise building Tuesday morning. There were no injuries. The blaze broke out in the 18-story condominium building at 54 E. Madison St. around 9 a.m., according to the Chicago Fire Department and was extinguished about 45 minutes later. The department called out an emergency response plan as precaution because the fire was in a high-rise. Police blocked off traffic on several streets, including a stretch of Michigan Avenue.

UIC student sentenced in threat case

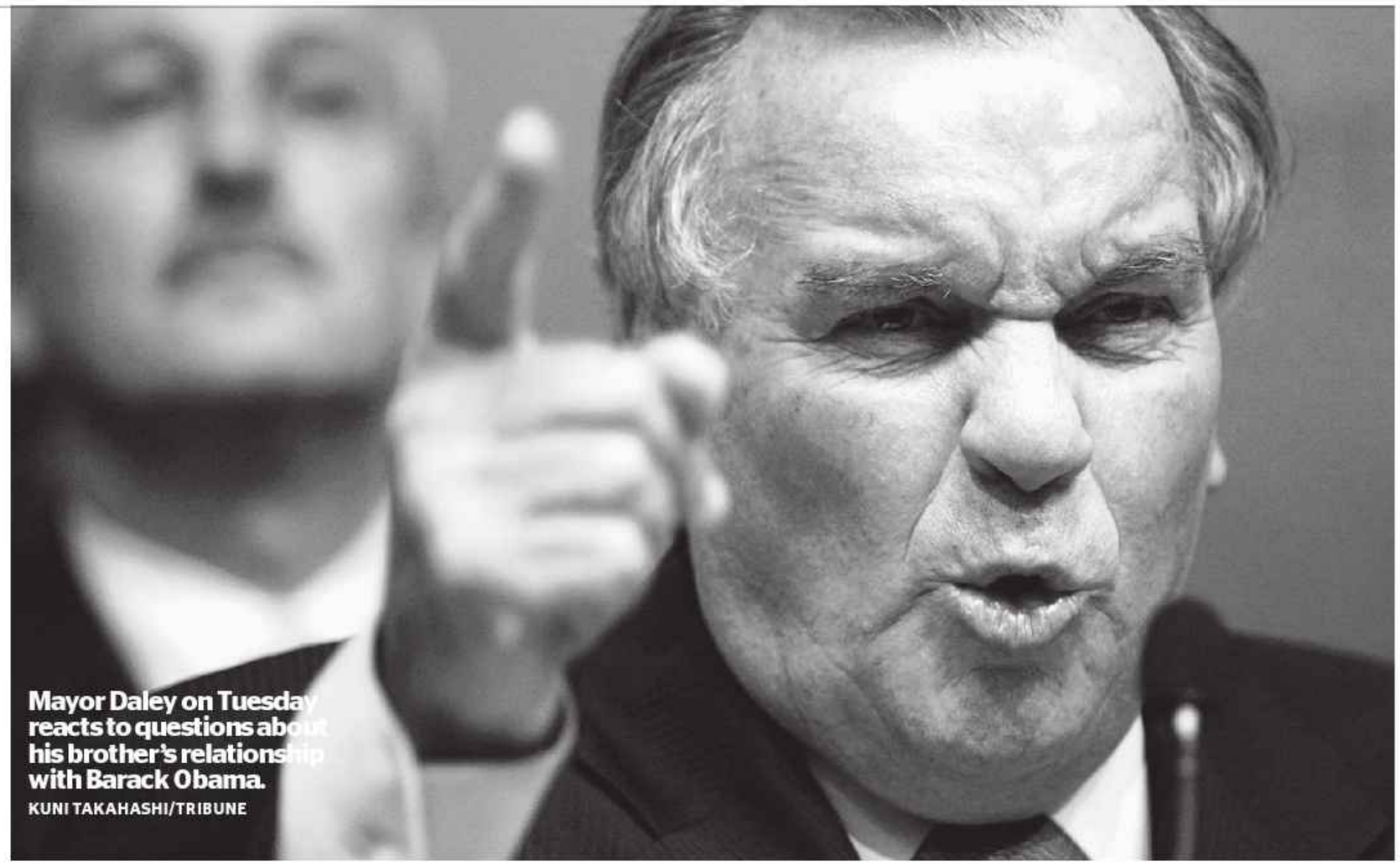
A University of Illinois at Chicago student who admitted to sending a threatening e-mail to school leaders a day after a shooting rampage at Northern Illinois University was sentenced in federal court on Tuesday to 5 months of home confinement and probation, court officials said. Mahtab Shirani, 24, of Wheaton, sent the message from a school computer lab to administrators in February, authorities said, in the wake of the shootings on the DeKalb campus of NIU.

Son of cop who shot kids dies

The 9-year-old son of a Chicago police officer who last week shot his two children before committing suicide has died. According to the Cook County medical examiner's office, Anthony Marchan died Tuesday in Mt. Sinai Hospital, where he had been receiving treatment since the Sept. 15 incident. That morning, Anthony's father, Dannie, 29, a four-year police veteran, killed his daughter Alizay, 7, then turned the gun on himself.

Man beaten to death

A 41-year-old man was beaten to death during a fight at a Southwest Side bar over the weekend that spilled into the street, authorities said Tuesday. The family of the victim, Robert Ulmer, said he was not a Cubs fan and they disputed a published report that said the fight was among Cubs fans celebrating the team's division-clinching victory. Gloria Polendo, Ulmer's common-law wife of 13 years, said the assault was an unprovoked random act of violence.



Mayor Daley on Tuesday reacts to questions about his brother's relationship with Barack Obama.
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Daley blasts McCain over ad

Mayor Daley teed off Tuesday on Republican presidential candidate John McCain for including Daley's brother in a negative ad about Barack Obama's Chicago political roots.

The TV ad claims that Democratic presidential candidate Obama, a U.S. senator from Illinois, was "born of the corrupt Chicago political machine." The commercial seeks to link Obama to four power brokers: mayoral brother Bill Daley, convicted former fundraiser Antoin "Tony" Rezko, Obama mentor and Illinois Senate President Emil Jones and embattled Gov. Blagojevich.

"People get desperate in their political life," the mayor said when asked about the ad. "My theory about politics and government: You build yourself up. You don't have to tear people down."

Daley also warned that McCain has his own vulnerabilities, noting the Arizona senator's involvement in the "Keating Five" influence peddling scandal that involved his ties to banker Charles Keating Jr., a poster boy for the savings and loan meltdown.

"If people start throwing dirt and mud—remember, it comes back and hits you right in the face," Daley said.

The ad described Bill Daley, a former U.S. Commerce secretary, as a "lobbyist" and "the mayor's brother."

"First of all, my brother is not a lobbyist. He's not a lobbyist. He's not a lobbyist. He's never been a lobbyist," the mayor said.

In fact, Bill Daley was a key Washington lobbyist for top U.S. and foreign companies.

The mayor, an early Obama supporter who has had a good relationship with President Bush, questioned whether anyone who runs such an ad is "worthy" of being president.

Cop charged again in deadly wreck

A Chicago police officer accused of killing two Cicero men in a Thanksgiving Day auto accident was indicted on charges of reckless homicide and drunken driving, authorities said Tuesday.

Officer John Ardelean, 34, faces two counts of reckless homicide and four counts of aggravated DUI, according to a news release from the Cook County state's attorney's office.

This is the second time Ardelean has been charged in connection with the Nov. 22 deaths of Miguel Flores, 22, and Erick Lagunas, 21. In January, he was charged with felony DUI, but a Cook County judge ruled that prosecutors could not prove the officer was drunk when the accident occurred, and the case was thrown out.

After the judge's ruling, prosecutors initially declined to refile charges but reopened the case in August after a victim's family members showed them what was claimed to be new video footage from the Martini Ranch, where Ardelean had been that night, that allegedly shows Ardelean drinking, then leaving the bar with a beer.

Ardelean is slated to appear for arraignment on Oct. 1.

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1 Bush reassures

President Bush, in a speech Tuesday at the annual UN General Assembly, said he realizes that other nations are watching how the U.S. deals with the financial meltdown that is shaking the global economy, and he's confident a solution is forthcoming.

2 Senate actions

The Senate on Tuesday took up a giant tax package that saves more than 20 million taxpayers from the bite of the alternative minimum tax, nudges the nation toward greater use of solar, wind and other renewable energy resources, and extends relief for disaster victims.

3 Man says he killed 8

A man suspected of killing as many as 23 men over 10 years has pleaded guilty to killing eight men. Ronald Dominique was sentenced Tuesday in Houma, La., to eight consecutive sentences of life in prison.

4 Ike aid sought

Gulf Coast officials asked lawmakers on Tuesday for fast federal money for hurricane recovery and a minimum of bureaucratic red tape. Texas is looking at $11.4 billion in damages from Ike, and Louisiana is facing $1 billion in damages from Ike and Gustav.

5 Out of the trees

After more than 20 years of protests, the last two people living in the giant redwoods of Northern California in Scotia, Calif., were climbing down for good, convinced by the new owners of the forest that the ancient trees would be spared from the saw.

6 Bellagio fire

Guests evacuated three floors of the Bellagio casino resort in Las Vegas on Tuesday morning after a mattress fire left one man burned and others complaining of smoke inhalation, officials said.

7 Fake bomber?

Authorities in Athens, Ohio, are accusing a man of planting fake pipe bombs at two post offices to divert attention while he robbed a bank.

Gas shortages

More than a week after Hurricane Ike's strike, drivers across the Southeast from Nashville to Atlanta to the Blue Ridge mountains are still bouncing between dry pumps and shuttered stations in a frustrating hunt for a fill-up.

Cop killer gets execution reprieve

8 ATLANTA The U.S. Supreme Court gave a reprieve to a Georgia inmate less than two hours before he was to be executed Tuesday for the 1989 slaying of an off-duty police officer.

Supporters of 39-year-old Troy Davis have called for a new trial as seven of the nine witnesses who helped put him on Death Row recanted their testimony. Protesters had arrived by the busload to protest the execution, carrying signs with slogans like "Justice for Troy Davis" and wearing blue T-shirts emblazoned with "I am Troy Davis." A crowd of about 50 erupted in cheers when the stay, granted around 5:20 p.m., was announced.

Rev. Al Sharpton had accompanied members of Davis' family to the protest, including Davis' mother, Virginia.

Prosecutors have labeled the witness statements "suspect," and courts had previously refused requests for a new trial.

The stay will remain in effect while the court considers Davis' appeal.

Influential advocates, including former President Jimmy Carter and South Africa Archbishop Desmond Tutu, insist there's enough doubt about his guilt to merit a new trial.

HISTORY

Troy Davis was convicted of the murder of 27-year-old officer Mark MacPhail, who was working off-duty as a security guard at a bus station. MacPhail had rushed to help a homeless man who had been pistol-whipped at a nearby parking lot, and was shot twice when he approached Davis and two other men. Witnesses identified Davis as the shooter.

9 NEW YORK Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Tuesday addresses the 63rd session of the UN General Assembly at UN headquarters. He declared that "the American empire" is nearing collapse and should end its military involvement in other countries.

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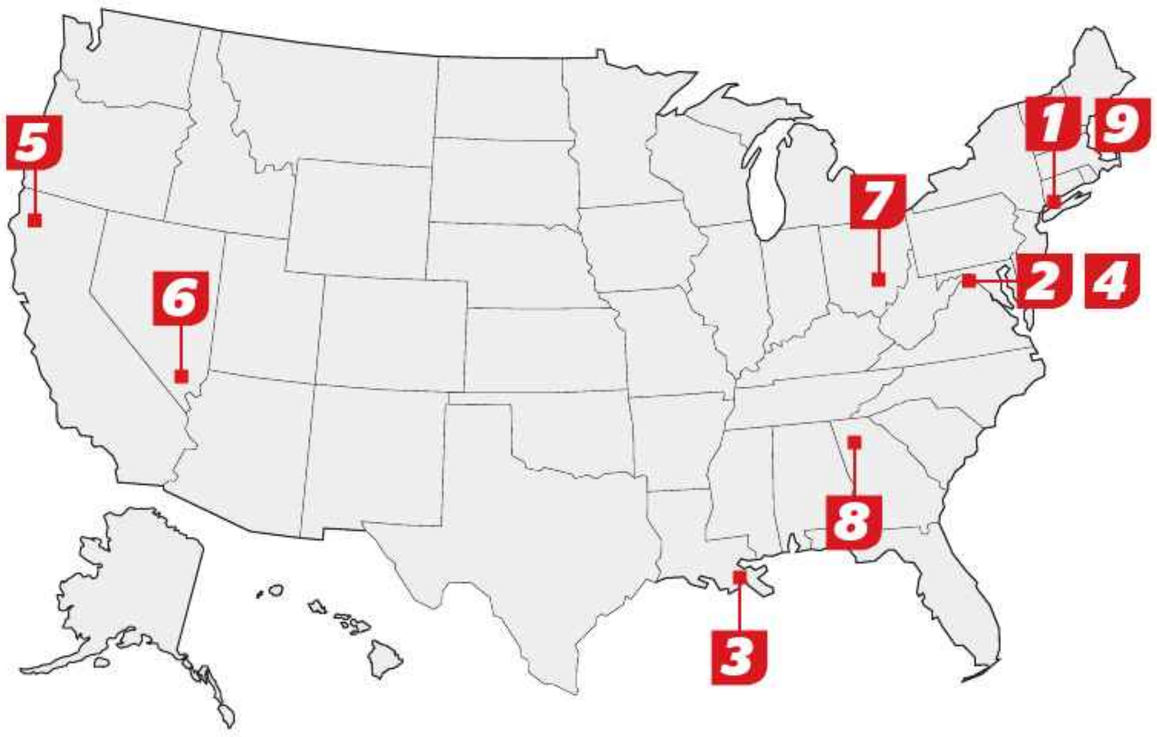

POLL POSITION

Barack Obama's support from backers of Hillary Clinton is stuck smack where it was in June, an Associated Press-Yahoo News poll showed Tuesday, a lack of progress that is weakening him with fellow Democrats in the close presidential race.

58%: Percentage of adults who now support Obama after backing Clinton in the primaries
69%: Percentage of Clinton's supporters who view Obama favorably now
9%: Increase in Obama's favorable ratings from June
28%: Share of Clinton supporters who say they'll vote for John McCain
21%: Percentage of Clinton fans who said in June they would vote for McCain

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1 A Palestinian youth on Tuesday takes cover in his shirt as he runs from tear gas during a demonstration against Israel's separation wall in the West Bank village of Nilin. AP PHOTO

2 Students at South Korea's Taesungdong elementary school on Tuesday participate in their athletic meet with U.S. soldiers from the United Nations Command, near the border village of Panmunjom in the demilitarized zone. AP PHOTO

3 A Pakistani worker on Tuesday prepares noodles for upcoming religious festival Eid al-Fitr, to celebrate the ending of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan in Multan, Pakistan. AP PHOTO

Gunman kills 10 at Finland school

4 **KAUHAJOKI, Finland** A masked gunman whose violent YouTube postings prompted police to question him just a day earlier opened fire Tuesday at his trade school in Finland, killing 10 people and burning some of their bodies before fatally shooting himself in the head.

Witnesses said panic broke out as the gunman, dressed in black and carrying a large bag, started firing in a classroom during an exam. The shootings began just before 11 a.m. as about 150 students were at the Kauhajoki School of Hospitality.

Police had questioned the gunman on Monday about YouTube postings in which he is seen firing a handgun, but he was released because there was no legal reason to hold him, Interior Minister Anne Holmlund said.

"The detective who handled the case did not think that the circumstances were such that they required a confiscation of the weapon or a withdrawal of the license," Holmlund said.

Police spokesman Jari Neulaniemi said the attacker walked into the school armed with a .22-caliber pistol and carrying explosives. He killed 10 people, burning some of them beyond recognition, Neulaniemi said. His bag apparently contained the explosives.

It was Finland's second school massacre in less than a year and the two attacks had eerie similarities.

Both gunmen posted violent clips on YouTube prior to the massacres, both were fascinated by the 1999 Columbine school shootings in Colorado, both attacked their own schools and both died after shooting themselves in the head.

5 U.S. drone shot down?

Pakistani soldiers and tribesman shot down a suspected U.S. military drone close to the Afghan border Tuesday night, three intelligence officials said. If verified, it apparently would be the first time a pilotless aircraft was brought down over Pakistan and likely would add to tensions between Washington and Islamabad over recent American cross-border incursions.

6 Elephant-bus crash

A five-ton elephant escaped from a circus and wandered onto a busy highway, where it was hit by a bus. Both the driver and pachyderm were killed early Tuesday. Bus driver Tomas Lopez, 49, was killed and at least four passengers were hospitalized after the pre-dawn collision in Ecatepec, Mexico.

7 Leaders accidentally killed

American soldiers accidentally shot and killed the leader of a local U.S.-allied Sunni group Tuesday after coming under attack in a volatile area north of Baghdad, the military said. The military has credited the Sunni revolt against Al Qaeda in Iraq as a key factor in the sharp decline in violence over the past year.

8 Puttar no Potter

"Hari Puttar" is set to hit cinema screens this week after an Indian court in Mumbai rejected a Warner Bros. lawsuit. The court said Monday that people who have watched the Harry Potter movies and read the books would know the difference between that and an Indian Punjabi film called "Hari Puttar—A Comedy of Terrors."

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SOX HITS

A heavy workload Tuesday produced the most encouraging results of Carlos Quentin's rehabilitation from a right wrist fracture. Although being activated for the first round of the playoffs remains a long shot, Quentin said he will have his wrist examined Friday in Chicago. "Once it's looked at, we'll re-evaluate where I'm at and talk about swinging a bat and exactly what's the best way of going about it as far as getting back in the swing," an upbeat Quentin said. Quentin declined to predict, however, if he could return next week.

"I'd like to throw out a percentage," he said. "Every day I feel more optimistic about the healing process. If you asked me three days ago how I felt about it, I wouldn't feel as positive. But I feel right now with what I've seen over the past couple of days that things are well."

» P Mark Buehrle said he hasn't been heckled by any Twins fans after predicting in 2004 that they wouldn't last long in the playoffs. "I haven't heard anything up to this point," Buehrle said. "If it happens again, they get in the playoffs and we don't, I'll make more predictions for you guys to have some fun with. TRIBUNE

Oh, the agony

RedEye asked South Side superfan his opinion on the Sox-Twins series opener.

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The fat lady is not singing; she's crying over the Sox's shellacking by the Twins in Game 1. The piranhas feast on our pitching and the Sox demonstrated why they are among the worst in baseball with runners in scoring position and two outs (.229 BA). Sweet irony: My cable was out and I couldn't watch the game. New strategy: Fool the Twins into a false sense of security and steal one from them tomorrow. Mark Buehrle, we need a hero. Hitters? Enough said. Bottom line: While we've seen the Sox's worst, our team is still in first. Chin up!

Trouble under the bubble

Sox offense deflates in Metrodome as Twins draw closer

Chicago Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen wanted to see a tail-kicking Tuesday night.

But Minnesota's 9-3 humbling wasn't what Guillen had in mind, nor was the manner in which Javier Vazquez failed to quell questions about his ability to pitch effectively on a big stage.

As a result, the Sox's lead in the AL Central was trimmed to 1 ½ games over the Twins with two games left in this showdown and a rising degree of concern.

The Sox fell to 1-6 at the Metrodome, which is surpassing the Oakland Coliseum as their house of horrors. They were blanked from the third until Ken Griffey Jr.'s two-out, two-run homer in the ninth. Griffey passed Sammy Sosa for sole possession of fifth place on the career list with his 610th home run.

TWINS 9, WHITE SOX 3

MAGIC NUMBER
5

AL CENTRAL
1 ½ games

Now things get even more interesting in a surprising division race that has been tight for two months, albeit between two teams that were projected to duke it out for third place behind Detroit and Cleveland when the season began.

"Nobody thought we were going to be in this situation. These were two teams that were not supposed to be here," Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said before addressing Detroit and Cleveland. "I myself picked those teams."

ABOVE: White Sox's Jim Thome on Tuesday celebrates with teammates after scoring against the Minnesota Twins in the second inning in Minneapolis. AP PHOTO

LEFT: Javier Vazquez pitches against the Twins in the first inning in Minneapolis. AP PHOTO

RIGHT: The Twins' Justin Morneau (33) congratulates Jason Kubel (16) at home plate after Kubel hit a two-run home run scoring Morneau in the second inning. AP PHOTO

The most urgent concern is whether the Sox, whose magic number remains at five, can wrap up the AL Central no later than Friday. John Danks, who pitched seven scoreless innings Sunday, will have four days' rest when he faces Cleveland at U.S. Cellular Field.

After that, the Sox have some tough choices if they haven't clinched the division. They could bring Vazquez back on three days' rest, but Vazquez was tagged for six earned runs on nine hits in 3 ⅔ innings against the New York Yankees on three days' rest on Thursday.

They could start rookie lefty Clayton Richard, who allowed five hits in 6 ⅔ innings at Yankee Stadium on Sept. 17.

Using Vazquez could cause the Sox to employ Mark Buehrle, who starts Wednesday, to pitch Sunday on three days' rest if they haven't secured the division title.

Two days after saying "what you see is what you get" with Vazquez, Guillen praised Vazquez's longevity. But for all the scrutiny over whether Vazquez could become a big-game pitcher, the loss dropped him to 127-128 for his career.

Of Vazquez's 12 victories this season, only three have occurred against winning teams.

Vazquez (12-15) endured his array of shortcomings.

He threw six consecutive balls to start the second on Tuesday, then hung a 76-mph changeup on a 2-2 pitch that Jason Kubel smacked for a two-run homer. He gave up five runs and seven hits.

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1 Dry humor

What's this I hear about bars going dry during the late innings? You mean if it's the seventh, you can't have a fifth?

2 Ticket masters

OK, so it's just a proposal, the latest of "great" ideas coming out of City Hall. You just better not get caught drinking alcohol with your foie grois or they'll put a boot on your car.

3 And finally ...

If the Big Guy didn't want fans near Wrigley to drink, he wouldn't have put the Cubs there.

4 Sad sacks

Northwestern is off to its first 4-0 start since the 6-0 beginning in 1962. That's great! And the Wildcats are already one sack short of their 2007 total (16). That's sad.

5 Wah!

Alberto Contador says he'll leave the Astana team if Lance Armstrong joins the team because it will undermine his authority as team leader. That's like the cycling equivalent of "I'm taking my ball and going home!"

6 Baby steps

During Lou Piniella's visit to Sean Marshall on Tuesday, that had to be the slowest walk to the mound I've ever seen. Was he stalling for his pitcher or doing a tribute to Paul Konerko's baserunning?

7 You want to crown him? ... then crown him!

Jim Hendry, the first Cubs GM to build a team that has gone to postseason three times, wonders if he'll be part of the 2009 management team when the Cubs get new ownership. Are you kidding? They should be asking whether he should be knighted!

8 Encouraging words

Dear Sox: Don't blow it. That will be all.

9 The heckler

I can only hope Bag Boy is at the Metrodome. Whether the Sox win or lose, he's heckling somebody!

FIVE WAYS

... Bag Boy could harass the Twins
» Poke holes in Metrodome bubble-roof
» Piranha sandwiches
» Chant: "Joe Mauer ... he's no Jack Bauer!"
» Ready the Ozzie Guillen Choke Sign!
» Fertilize their Gardenhire

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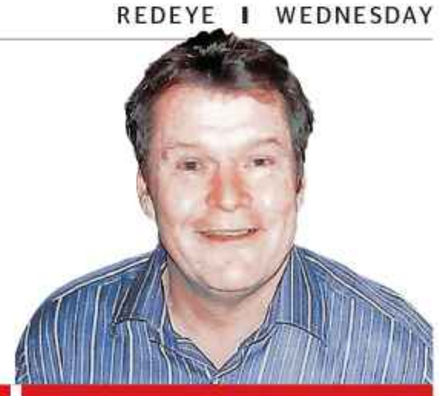
There's "patio," "dealio" and "Coolio." Thank you, Mike North, introducing us to the word "Webio," his show on **wildfirerestaurant.com**.



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1 What happens if the Sox don't win the Twins series?	The Sox will hit jock bottom in a Twin-win situation.	They'll have no reason to complain about North Side bias, as they will be outsiders.	Just remind the Sox fans who are still on respirators that they still have a chance.	They'll live up to everyone's expectations.	That won't happen. ... I don't think (gulp).
2 What happens if Chicago's baseball bars go dry after the 7th?	Cubs fans should be used to dry spells. Especially without alcohol.	Innings 1 through 7 will be the new definition for "binge drinking."	Wrigleyville without booze will look like a scene from a zombie movie.	The Cubs would lose half their "fans" to the Viagra Triangle.	That won't happen!
3 Why is home-field advantage important to the Cubs?	Once in their life the Cubs would like the upper hand. (And they're going to need it.)	I'm not sure. If their fans can't understand how to dodge foul balls, they're in trouble.	For the same reason Haley's Comet is important to astronomers. Rarity.	Why else? Bar specials for the home team's players during the 7th-inning stretch.	Because in 1908 they ... ! Oh, never mind.
4 What is "Merkle's Boner?"	The length of time since the Cubs finished business.	A side effect of Viagra.	It's how Fred Merkle helped the Cubs in 1908, and it's just fun to say.	I won't stoop to that level, question writer!	It's something I would rather not discuss because I have missed something.
5 How can you help Joe Paterno heal up for the Illinois game?	I think he can put himself out of his own misery. Gas-sisted living home?	Nothing that a little Merkle's Boner can't fix.	For one game only, QB Juice Williams will call himself Prune Juice.	Send him to the Viagra Triangle.	Show him the Big 10 standings.

Mets pitcher Johan Santana provided everything needed against the Cubs Tuesday night. AP PHOTO

Santana's supernatural

Mets ace shatters bat, sparks home crowd and fans 10

METS 6, CUBS 2

NEW YORK Johan Santana sparked the Mets' offense with an unusual broken-bat infield single and struck out 10 in eight innings, leading New York to a much-needed 6-2 victory over the Cubs on Tuesday night.

Jose Reyes had a three-run triple for his 200th hit of the season and David Wright drove in two runs with a clutch single for the Mets, who ended a three-game skid reminiscent of last season's epic collapse.

New York, which entered with a one-game lead over Milwaukee in the wild-card race, moved within 1½ games of NL East-leading Philadelphia, which lost 3-2 to Atlanta. The Phillies won the division title last year after the Mets blew a seven-game lead with 17 to play.

Reed Johnson and Kosuke Fukudome both had two hits for Chicago. The Cubs put two runners on in the ninth against Pedro Feliciano but Luis Ayala came in and got two outs for his ninth save.

Santana's wacky hit got the Mets back on track after they struggled for much of the game against Sean Marshall, who worked out of a jam in the first and retired 12 of 13 before running into trouble in the fifth.

With one out, Marshall plunked Nick Evans and Santana followed with a broken-bat grounder up the middle. Marshall eluded a piece of Santana's bat but the ball got past him and kicked off the broken wood, bouncing off the glove of shortstop Ronny Cedeno.

The unlikely hit put runners on first and second and sent a charge through the Shea Stadium crowd. Wright lined a tying two-run single into left.

New York added four runs in the sixth, helped by reliever Chad Gaudin's throwing error.

CUBS HITS

Cubs manager Lou Piniella rested three regulars Tuesday night against the Mets while vowing to put a competitive team on the field as Chicago prepares for the postseason. 3B Aramis Ramirez, C Geovany Soto and SS Ryan Theriot were out of the lineup one day after the Cubs secured home-field advantage throughout the NL playoffs.

» Get geared up for the playoffs with "This is the Year!" from Triumph Books and the Chicago Tribune, arriving on magazine racks and in bookstores Thursday. Order at **chicagotribune.com/cubs** or get a copy at the Tribune Tower store.

» The Cubs and the bleacher culture at Wrigley Field get the Gary Smith treatment in this week's Sports Illustrated. The SI senior writer reunites with two people he sat next to at Wrigley during the McGwire-Sosa home run chase of 1998 and soaks in the scene—and the possibilities—in a four-part, nine-page spread.

HOMETOWN HITS

At least one Bear did not agree with the team's decision Tuesday to release WR Mark Bradley. DT Tommie Harris, a college teammate of Bradley's at Oklahoma, thought the Bears failed to give the injury-prone former second-round pick the opportunity to excel.

» To replace Bradley's roster spot, the Bears claimed CB Marcus Hamilton off waivers from Tampa Bay. Hamilton, a 2007 seventh-round pick out of Virginia, was elevated from the Buccaneers practice squad and made his pro debut Sunday against the Bears. The Bucs then released him.

BLACKHAWKS 4, BLUE JACKETS 3

Troy Brouwer scored from the edge of the crease with 6:18 left in the third period to snap a tie, and the Blackhawks beat Columbus 4-3 on Tuesday night in the preseason opener for both teams.

256 AND COUNTING

Favre may keep streak alive

Don't fret, Jets fans. Brett Favre's playing streak appears safe.

The New York quarterback rolled his left ankle during the Jets' 48-29 loss at San Diego on Monday, but coach Eric Mangini wasn't overly concerned. "Brett usually plays," Mangini said Tuesday, "and I would anticipate the same."

T.O. goes hydro

Terrell Owens released a new fitness book Tuesday and he has been picked as the front man for Venom Energy drink, a recently launched product from the Dr Pepper Snapple Group. In his new book, "T.O.'s Finding Fitness," Owens has a section called, "My Beverage of Choice," which he says is all about water. But Owens said he makes room in his refrigerator for Venom because one of its two flavors is the low-carb Mojave Rattler.

AND FINALLY ...

Michigan State's Javon Ringer became the first player in Big Ten history to earn three straight Big Ten offensive player of the week awards after trampling Notre Dame for 201 yards and 2 TDs. » A cuddly leopard with a green afro named Zakumi will be the mascot of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

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Bar brawl!

Watch our finalists duke it out for the title of Best Bartender

By Lisa Arnett

Ready to rumble? Our Best Bartender finalists sure are. After being chosen from our list of 10 to face off at our competition, these talented 'tenders are ready to show off their skills and earn your vote for the title of Metromix Best Bartender 2008.

After you watch them in action at our Best Bartender Bash and sip free samples of their signature drinks, log on to **metromix.com** before 11:59 p.m. Sept. 28 to cast your vote.

Best Bartender Bash

When: 7-10 p.m. Sept. 24
Where: Victory Liquors (2610 N. Halsted St. 773-348-5600)
Cost: Free
Specials: $3 domestic bottles, $3 Victory bombs, $4 Snow Queen vodka cocktails and half-price burgers

1 Jes Rickleff, 24

Spybar, 646 N. Franklin St.

Her drink: The Stoli Splash Shot (blueberry and raspberry vodka with splashes of sour mix, Red Bull and peach schnapps)

The backstory: Rickleff dreamed up this shot in honor of her own love for flavored vodkas. "I'm a huge Stoli drinker," she says. "[This shot] is not necessarily fruity; it just has a lot of different flavors on it, and it's on the sweeter side—almost lemonade-y."

2 Emirano 'Manu' Eperiam, 28

NV Penthouse Lounge, 116 W. Hubbard St.

His drink: The Greed Martini (strawberries, lemonade, pear vodka and pomegranate liqueur topped off with Nuvo sparkling liqueur)

The backstory: This martini is Eperiam's favorite on NV's list. "It's very tasty, yet very potent. I like it because I enjoy the effort put into it," he says. "And I love the name, because once you have one, you've gotta get another one."

3 Dani Hoyler, 24

Sheffield's, 3258 N. Sheffield Ave.

Her drink: Dani's Lemonade (raspberry rum, lemonade and a splash of soda)

The backstory: "I'm a huge beer girl and I was a regular [at Sheffield's] before I started working there," says Hoyler. Not all of her customers are as fond of beer as she is, though. "We always have people come in who are like, 'Do you have Mike's Hard Lemonade?' and we're like, 'Uhhh, no.' " That's where her alternative comes in.

4 Olivia Shanks, 31

Debonair Social Club, and Sonotheque (1444 W. Chicago Ave.)

Her drink: The Delicious Shot (vodka, sour mix and lime)

The backstory: This simple shot is Shanks' go-to when her regulars want to do a round. "It's not too hard and it's not too boring," she says. "It's a nice, clean, easygoing shot that will go with whatever you want to drink [later on]."

5 Jim Gaut, 28

Reagle Beagle, 160 E. Grand Ave.

His drink: The Chi-pirinha (cachaca, raspberry syrup, blueberries, lime and a splash of lemon-lime soda)

The backstory: This is Gaut's Chicago-centric take on the Brazilian caipirinha, with the raspberry syrup and blueberries representing the red and blue of the Chicago flag. "I liked [the caipirinha] so much when I had it the first time, I decided to throw a flavor twist on it," he says. "It's kind of like a mojito without the mint."

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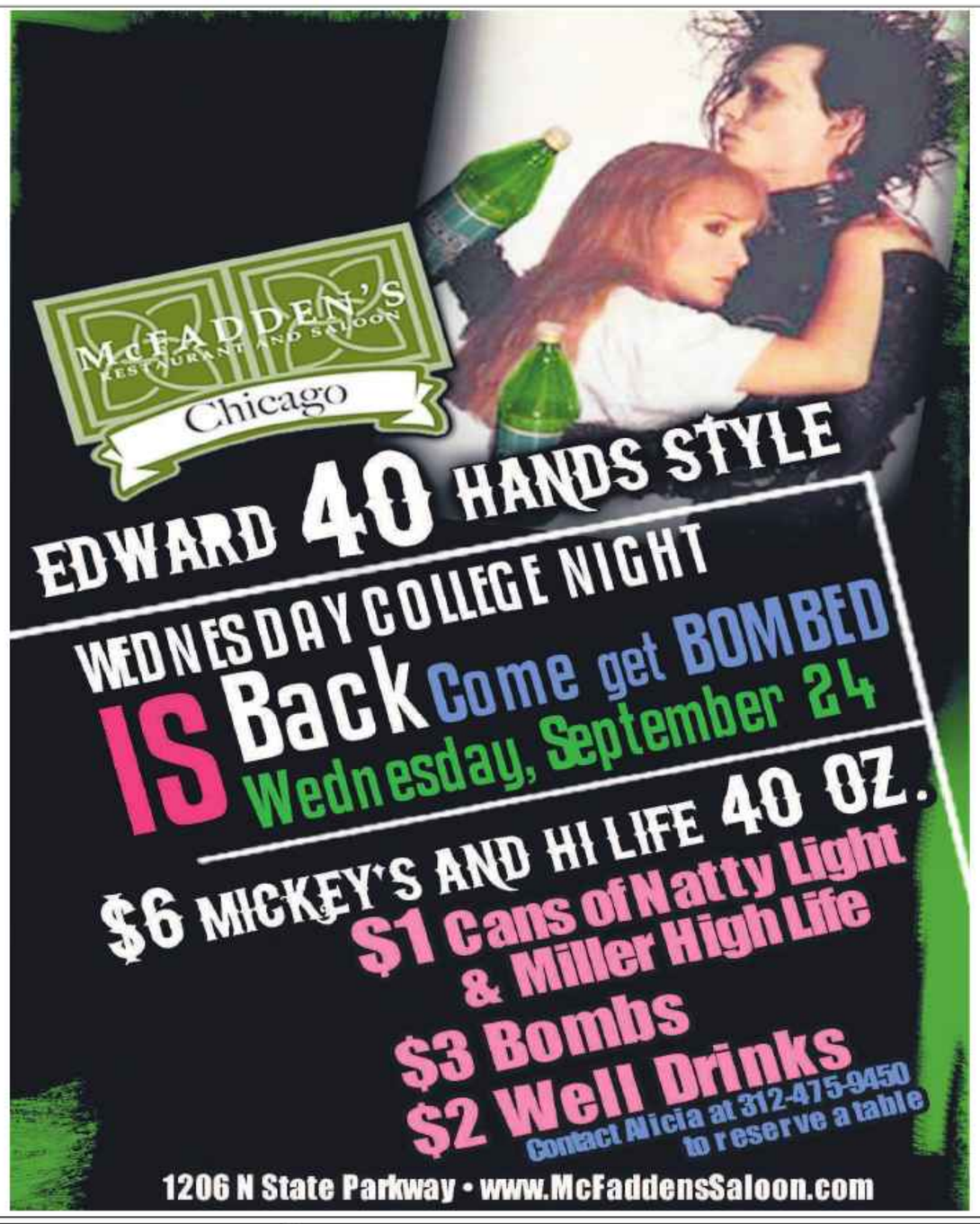

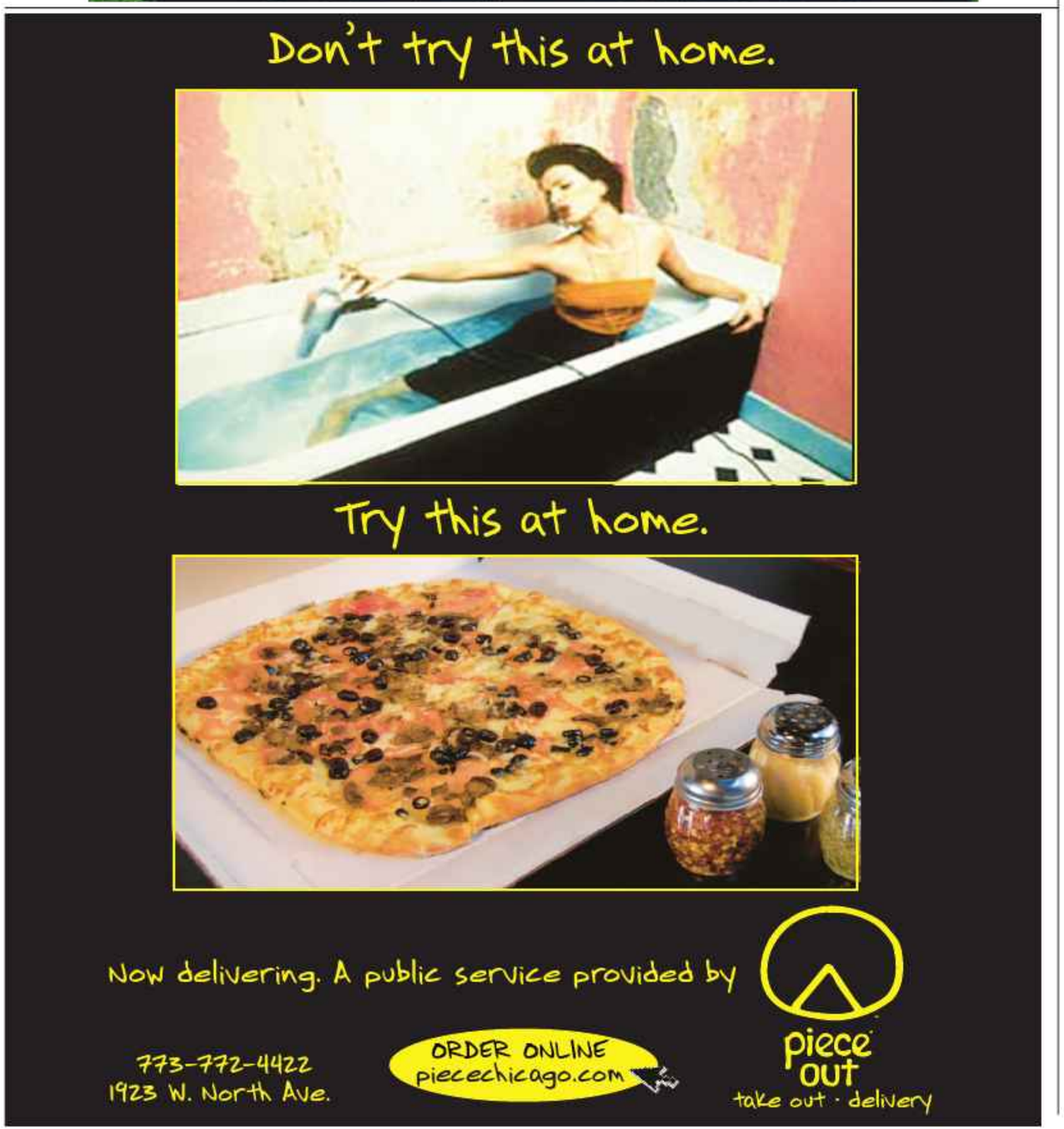

'Neutrino Project: The Instant Movie'

best bets

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Reel magic

ComedySportz Theatre, 929 W. Belmont Ave. 773-549-8080.

After a three-year hiatus, FuzzyCo improv troupe revives **"Neutrino Project: The Instant Movie"** for a fifth run in new digs. How it works: The cast gathers suggestions and a couple of objects from the audience, then splits into three crews to create an hourlong flick in neighborhood streets. Audience members watch the themed video unfold inside the theater. 8 p.m. Through Nov. 19. $10.

Get animated

Film Row Cinema of Columbia College, 1104 S. Wabash Ave. 312-344-6650.

What do superheroes, the Song Dynasty, a three-headed sea monster and Franz Kafka have in common? The **Asian Animation Film Festival 2008**. See feature films and shorts from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan and the U.S. The four-day fest kicks off with a screening of the award-winning "Mazu" directed by Lin Shih-Jen. 7 p.m. Through Saturday. $10; $35 fest pass. See **metromix.com** for schedule.

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Crawl to order

Loyola University, Simpson Center, 6333 N. Winthrop Ave. 773-506-4016.

Why eat at just one restaurant when you can hit 22 in one night? Global fare highlights the **Edgewater Dinner Crawl**, a neighborhood food fest that hits Baladoche, Ras Dashen, Uncommon Ground and Viet Bistro after the Loyola meetup. Also on tap: Live music, DJs, artwork and more at participating spots. 6 p.m. $25-$35. Advance purchase recommended: **brownpapertickets.com/event/42822**

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The fright stuff

Liar's Club, 1665 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-665-1110.

Local playwright—and sometimes ghost hunter—Michael Flores unveils his new drama, **"The Brides Of Ghost Hunter Richard Crowe,"** in a bar with its own allegedly ghostly past. The show explores local tales from the perspective of the women behind them, such as Resurrection Mary and Anna Sage, and concludes with an optional, audience-participation seance. 8:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Through Oct. 25. $10.

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Mind the whiskers

Harmony House for Cats, 3809 N. Kedzie Ave. 773-463-6667.

Relying on animal instincts isn't always the best way to connect with your pet. Instead, consult with the pros at the **Pet Psychic Fair**, where animal communicators tackle pet-related questions after checking out a snapshot of your buddy (pets aren't allowed to attend). Noon. $20 for a 20-minute session.

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The frugal Chicago Gourmet

Love local chefs but can't part with $150? Go straight to the source

By Mindy Yahr

The first-ever Chicago Gourmet event takes over Millennium Park this weekend, bringing together top chefs from around the world, including big Chicago names like Rick Bayless, Gale Gand, Art Smith and many more. It's a chance for the city's culinary finest to strut their stuff and for you to stuff your face. But indulging comes at a price—$250 for a two-day pass or $150 for one day only, to be precise. If you can't foot the bill (or if you find yourself longing for another helping after the weekend's over) we've got four ways to sample some local chefs' creations anytime.

1 Graham Elliot Bowles, Graham Elliot

What he's serving: Head to Bowles' booth at the grand tasting event (see below for details) for a taste of his homemade crackerjack with popcorn and smoked marcona almonds, and the Smashing Pumpkins cocktail, made with Bacardi Gold, spiced pumpkin puree, dulce de leche and Chinese ginger. Celebrate the city's recent lift on the foie gras ban with a Bowles classic, the "foielipop," a foie gras lollipop rolled in Pop Rocks.

Not going? Book at table at **Graham Elliot** (217 W. Huron St. 312-624-9975) just in time to see the decor change with the season. The servers will be decked out in burnt orange, the house lights will change to orange and gold to evoke the colors of fall leaves, and you'll find cider simmering at the door. The new fall menu includes the Smashing Pumpkins ($11) and the foielipop ($5), and since the restaurant doesn't do bread service, you just might be able to snag some of that crackerjack.

2 Malika Ameen and Mohammad Islam, Aigre Doux

What they're serving: The husband-and-wife team behind French-inspired Aigre Doux will take the Pritzker Pavilion stage at 3 p.m. Saturday to create their tandoori spiced salmon with fall squash and yogurt-cardamom sauce. Catch up with them later at the grand tasting for chocolate truffle and walnut-cardamom cookies.

Not going? Do lunch at **Aigre Doux** (230 W. Kinzie St. 312-329-9400) for a taste of the tandoori spiced salmon, served with toasted Israeli couscous ($18). Ameen's cookie plate ($11) won't make its next menu appearance until November, but she just rolled out a fall pastry menu that includes a creme fraiche cheesecake with concord grape sorbet ($11).

3 Takashi Yagihashi, Takashi

What he's serving: Swing by the Pritzker Pavilion stage at noon Saturday to watch in awe as chef Takashi takes a whole salmon and slices it down to salmon carpaccio, then plates it with daikon salad and sweet soy with chili oil. Follow Takashi to his sake seminar at the Chicago Cultural Center (3 p.m. Saturday, $60) where he'll explain how to buy and serve the beverage. His presentation will highlight sake from Mito, his hometown in Japan.

Not going? Size up chef Takashi's knife skills with an appetizer of bigeye tuna carpaccio with daikon salad and sesame-soy vinaigrette ($14) at **Takashi** (1952 N. Damen Ave. 773-772-6170). The Bucktown restaurant also has an extensive sake list. To familiarize yourself, work your way through the by-the-glass list ($6-$38).

4 John Coletta, Quartino

What he's serving: At the grand tasting, Coletta will showcase Italian classics such as homemade gnocchi with arugula pesto and duck prosciutto with sweet and sour cucumbers, apricot-rosemary paste and *mostarda*, an Italian condiment of pickled stone fruit and oranges with mustard. He'll also host a seminar at The Gage (1 p.m. Sunday, $30) highlighting the versatility and seasonality of Italian ingredients.

Not going? Grab some friends and head to River North's **Quartino** (626 N. State St. 312-698-5000) to share salumi and homemade pastas, including the duck prosciutto ($5.50) and gnocchi with green beans, potatoes and arugula pesto ($9.50). Round out your meal with a Neopolitan pizza.

Chicago Gourmet

When: Opening night reception 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Friday; festival, grand tasting and seminars 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.
Where: Millennium Park (201 E. Randolph St.); seminar locations vary.
Cost: $150 for one-day pass; $250 for weekend pass; prices vary for special events such as seminars. Tickets and info: **chicagogourmet.org**

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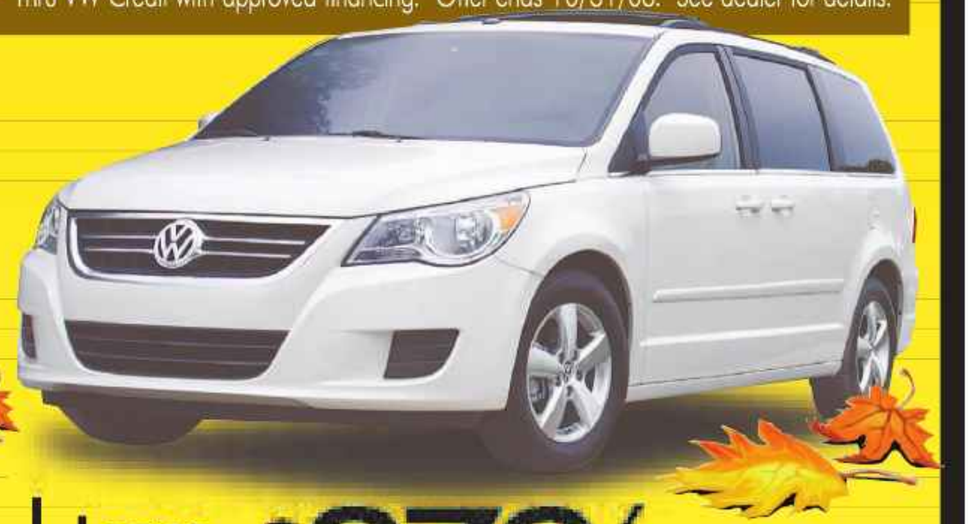

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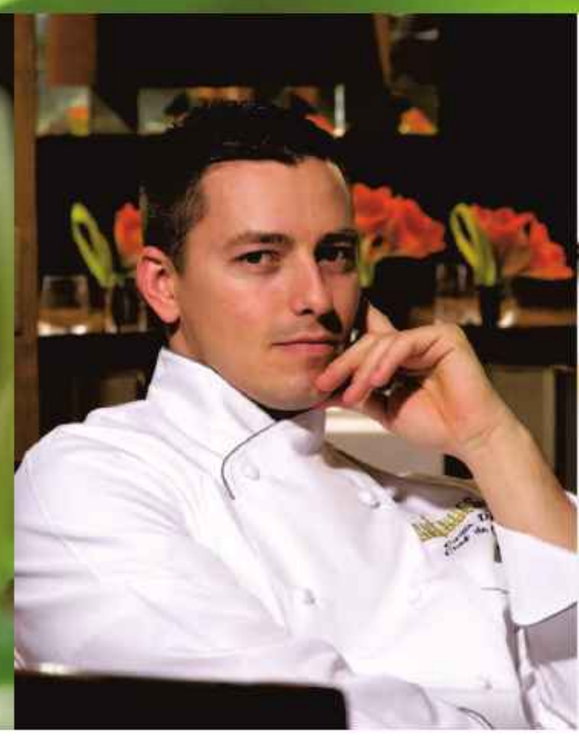

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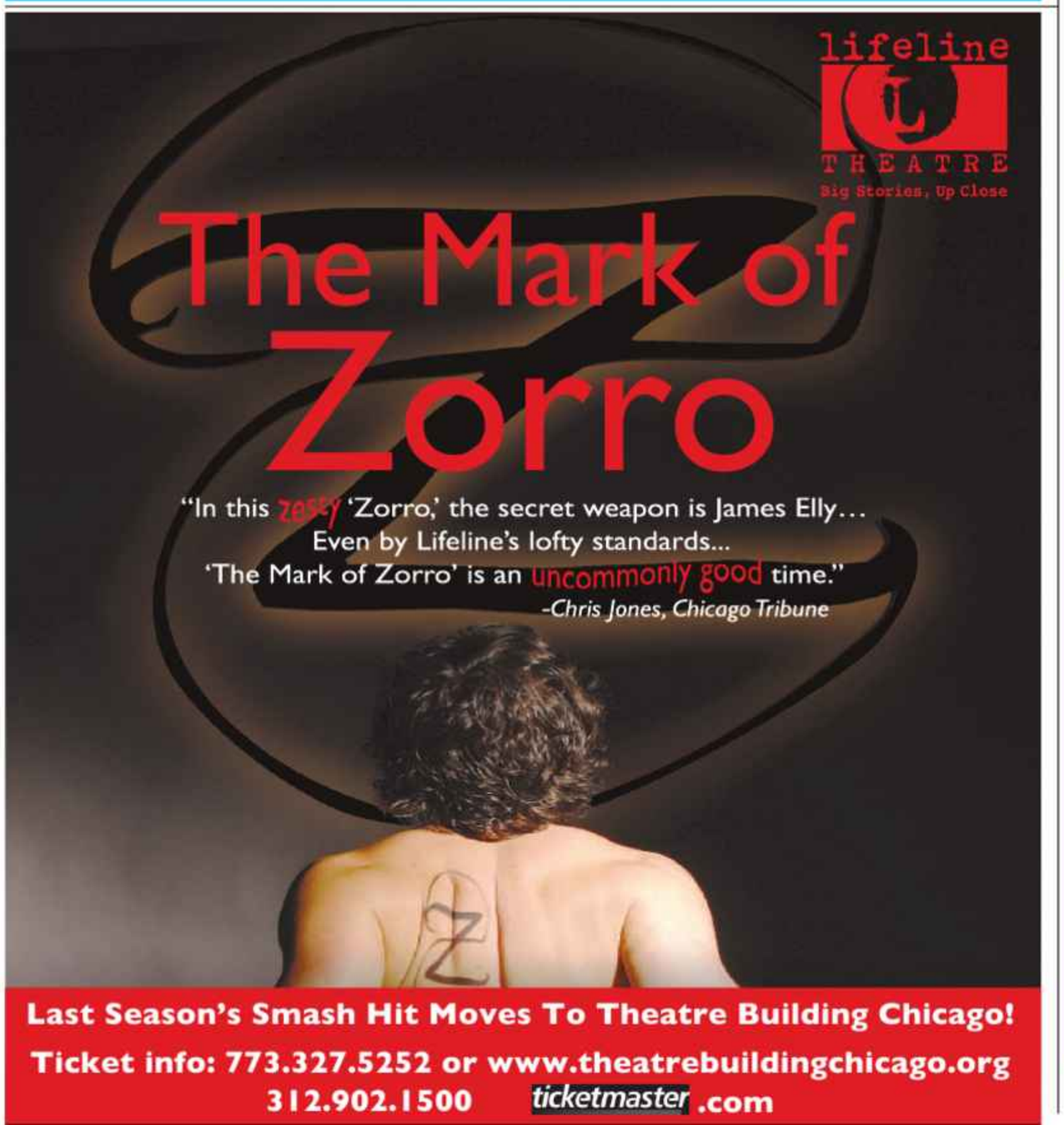

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$3 Bud and Bud Light bottles, $4 Jager shots; 2512 N. Halsted St. 773-296-9700.

THE GRAND CENTRAL
$4 seasonal martinis, half-price appetizers and bottles of wine; 950 W. Wrightwood Ave. 773-832-4000.

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$3 MGD Drafts, $2 mini-corn dogs; 678 N. Orleans St. 312-664-5496.

HALSTED'S
$3.50 Corona bottles, $5.95 chicken fajitas; 3441 N. Halsted St. 773-348-9696.

HAMBURGER MARY'S
$1 off glasses of wine, $5 Pear-a-Dise cocktails; 5400 N. Clark St. 773-784-6969.

HYDRATE
$4 Stoli cocktails and Stella Artois drafts; 3458 N. Halsted St. 773-975-9244.

JOHN BARLEYCORN
$3 Sam Adams drafts, $8 all-you-can-eat fish and chips; 658 W. Belden Ave. 773-348-8899.

KIRKWOOD
$3.50 pints, $5 buffalo wraps, $5 Effen Black Cherry bombs; 2934 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-770-0700.

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$2 PBR cans, $3 Shiner Bock bottles and Effen shots, $4 Effen cocktails; 1665 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-665-1110.

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$4 Peroni drafts, $5 grape bombs; 2100 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-478-2100.

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$2 bombs, $3 select cocktails and glasses of wine; 1339 N. Wells St. 312-266-6789.

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$3 well cocktails, $4 Rogue Dead Guy Ale drafts; 2959 N. California Ave. 773-588-8540.

POAG MAHONE'S
$3 Bud Light pints, $6 glasses of sangria, half-price spinach artichoke dip (3 p.m.); 333 S. Wells St. 312-566-9100.

NIGHTCRAWLERS

Shake it up

Let's be honest: You can order a fruity martini off a lengthy novelty cocktail list anywhere in River North. Recently opened **Dirty Martini** (23 W. Hubbard St. 312-661-1230) is really no different, with one exception: chilled vodka on tap, which bartenders use to make the namesake dirty martini ($12). Visit **metromix.com** for more pics and upcoming events.

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SLUGGERS
$3 Jim Beam and Coke cocktails and Jagermeister shots, $3.50 Corona bottles; 3540 N. Clark St. 773-248-0055.

STATE RESTAURANT & CAFE
Half-price food and wine bottles; 935 W. Webster Ave. 773-975-8030.

SUSHISAMBA RIO
9 p.m. Ginza Tropicalia. DJ Ed M spins. No cover; 504 N. Wells St. 312-595-2300.

TOONS BAR AND GRILL
$3 all drafts and pineapple vodka shots; 3857 N. Southport Ave. 773-935-1919.

TRATTORIA 31
$5 martinis; 605 W. 31st St. 312-326-3500.

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Chef's choice specials, $7 double pints, $5 glasses of wine; 5025 N. Clark St. 773-784-6000.

UNCOMMON GROUND ON CLARK
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VILLAINS BAR & GRILL
$2 PBR cans, 50 cent large wings, Michelle L'Amour's burlesque show at 10 p.m. No cover; 649 S. Clark St. 312-356-9992.

WESTEND BAR & GRILL
$5 salads, $5 glasses of wine; 1326 W. Madison St. 312-981-7100.

FEST FLASH

Season wrap

It was a good year. We snapped you guzzling beer, scarfing corn, ogling cute bands and even browsing a few arts and crafts across the city, from Old Town to Back of the Yards to Washington Park and beyond. See for yourself at **metromix.com**, where we've posted more than 20 photo galleries from the hottest fests of '08. We're moving our Fest Flash into hibernation until next spring, when we'll be back with all the details on the parties you love. Until then, cheers! And stay tuned to this space next week to see the winner of our 2008 Best Bartender competition.

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THIS WEEKEND

Chicago Gourmet
The season wraps up with a brand-new food fest. Get a peek at the chefs on page 28. 6:30 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. Saturday-Sunday. $150; $250 for weekend pass. Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St. 312-380-4128. Info: **chicagogourmet.org**

Eighth Annual Oktoberfest
St. Alphonsus Church celebrates its German roots with a weekend of bratwurst, beer and live music from Mike and Joe and Maggie Speaks. 5 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. Saturday; noon Sunday. $5; Lincoln and Southport Avenues. 773-665-4682.

Fifth Annual Randolph Street Market Festival
The monthly indoor/outdoor fair showcases antiques, indie apparel and vintage collectibles from more than 200 dealers along Randolph Street between Ada Street and Ogden Avenue. 10 a.m. Saturday; 9 a.m. Sunday. $10 fee covers repeat entry all weekend. 1400 W. Randolph St. 312-666-1200.

First Saint Paul's Oktoberfest
Beer, brats, strudel and other traditional fare dot the menu. Includes polka music by Flechsig's Oktoberfest Band. 5 p.m. Saturday. $10-$25. First Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1301 N. LaSalle Blvd. 312-642-7172.

FREE!

Second Annual Hyde Park Jazz Festival
A dozen venues host local artists such as Dee Alexander and Willie Pickens for 14 hours of live music. See **metromix.com** for complete info. Noon Saturday. Free. 773-834-4122.

FREE!

Third Annual Hyde Park Arts and Crafts Adventure
Local and national artists display paintings, jewelry and more. 10 a.m. Friday-Saturday. Outdoor Courtyard, University of Chicago Hyde Park Center, 1526 E. 55th Pl. 312-751-2500.

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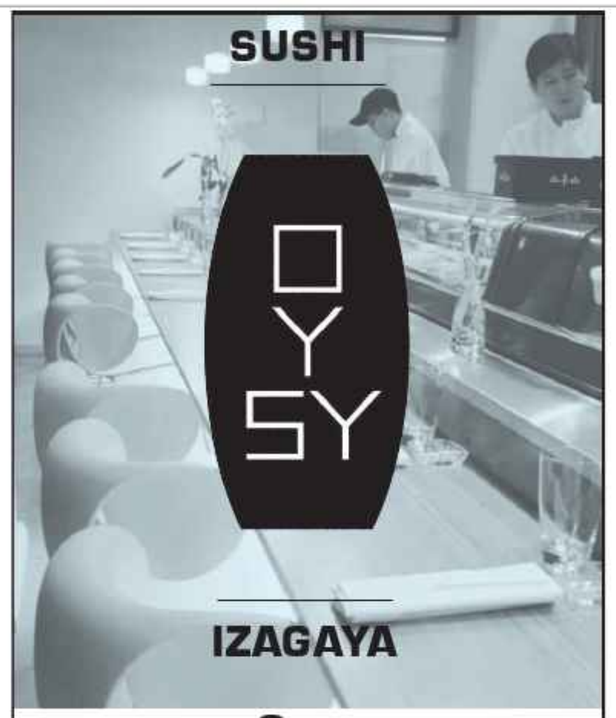

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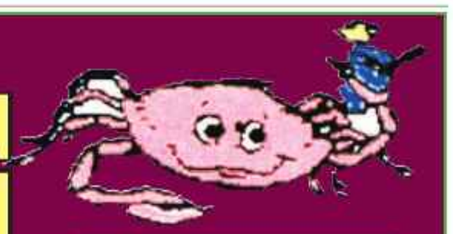

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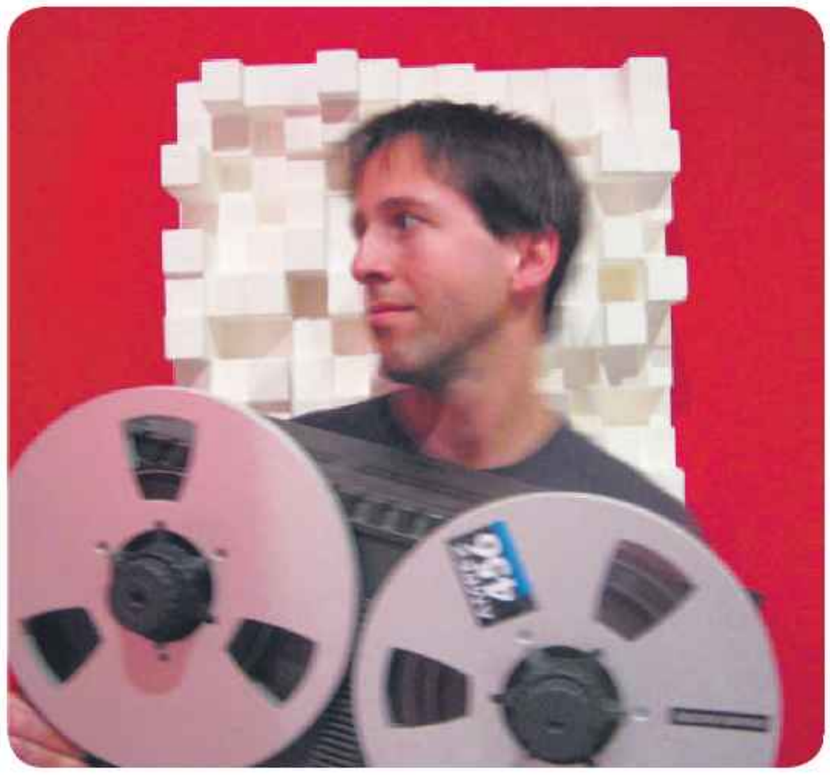

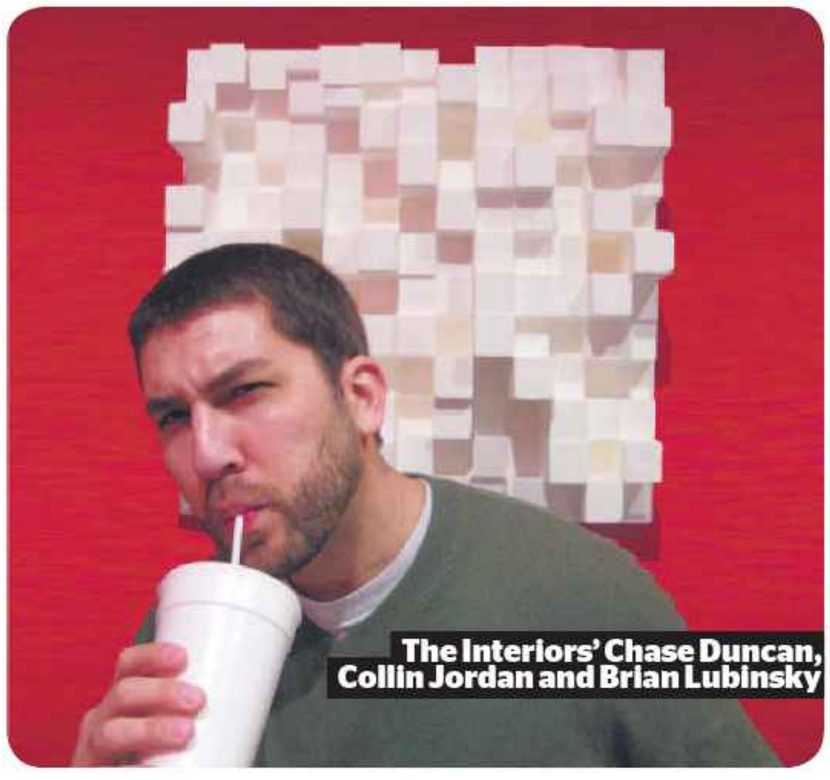

The Interiors' Chase Duncan, Collin Jordan and Brian Lubinsky

'Cute music by unicorns'

Is this how local rockers The Interiors will soon be described?

By Matt Pais

Talk about an emotional roller coaster.

The day after local rockers The Interiors signed a contract with the 54-40 or Fight! label to release their debut album, a door slammed on singer/guitarist Chase Duncan's hand and took off part of his finger.

"Honestly, I was just asking everybody if I was going to be able to play guitar," says Duncan, 29, who lives in Logan Square. "I remember this one lady at the first hospital I went to—which I left because it just obviously was not the right place to be—she was trying to comfort me by telling me about [Def Leppard drummer Rick Allen, who lost his arm in a car crash]. Which was just kind of like, 'Man, that is not what I want to hear.' "

The Interiors
When: 9 p.m. Wednesday
Where: Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave.
Tickets: $8, 773-276-3600

Not only is Duncan recovered and playing again, but also the Interiors have gained plenty of attention for their rollicking live sets and the subtly complex, rhythm-based indie rock on their self-titled debut.

At River North spot Green Door Tavern (678 N. Orleans St.), Duncan talked to us about being accessibly innovative and why karma is, in fact, not out to get him.

Your MySpace page describes The Interiors as "good music by bad people." In what way are you bad people?

We're not at all. That's the thing, we're really nice guys.

Then maybe people won't trust the "good music" part. It's either all true or all false.

It's funny because if I mention this to [bassist Collin Jordan] again, he's going to jump all over my case. I was doing an interview from Madison and I said to him that that came up and he was like, "We gotta change that, and I was like, "All right, that's cool man." And now you're asking about it again. I gotta change that. Let me just write that down. *[Editor's note: Since this interview, Duncan has indeed changed the description.]*

What were you going for on the record?

As far as the philosophy of the music, that goes back to when [drummer Brian Lubinsky] and I first started playing together, which is about doing something that's innovative without beating you over the head with it. Fun and accessible but still interesting. Just kind of thinking that the experiment is over in experimental music and just kind of moving on and doing something a little more poppy.

When Googling The Interiors, most of the results are about rugs and interior design. Your thoughts?

Well, the MySpace page and the Web site are the top two things, so I'm cool with that. I'm pretty impressed that we've made it to the top two.

How much are you counting on finding new fans from people who are actually trying to find info about rugs and interior design?

I hope a lot. That was the plan. It was either start a design company or start a band. And so we just kind of did both at the same time, and this one's taken off a little better.

What about your music applies to rug enthusiasts?

It's such a visceral thing that I don't know if I can put it into words. It's just written deep in there.

Deep in the rug.

Yeah. Or in the lyrics. When you play the record backwards you'll find the answers you need. Once it comes out on vinyl.

On "My Name is Earl," he wins the lottery and then is hit by a car. Were you worried that your accident was an act of karma?

No, I was just really worried about whether or not I was going to play guitar again. [Laughs] 'Cause there were a couple months where no one really knew. Well, that's not true. I didn't know. People were saying I would, but I kinda got the impression they were just being nice.

And you were reassured that, as you've stated, you're not a bad person.

Yeah, I'm not a bad person. My mom told me. I'm lovable.

So in a couple days, will I go to the MySpace page and see that the Interiors offer, "Good music by lovable people"?

[Laughs] How about "Cute music by lovable people?"

If that's not rock and roll, I don't know what it is.

"Cute music by unicorns."

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Chicago personality test

Cubs or Sox? "I don't follow sports. I'll say Cubs 'cause I live on the North Side."
Favorite burger? Kuma's Corner (2900 W. Belmont Ave.)
On a hot dog: ketchup or mustard? "Mustard. No ketchup."
Is ketchup a sin? "No, I just think it's kinda gross on a hot dog."
Favorite live music venue: "That's tough. We'll go with Schubas (3159 N. Southport Ave.)."
Favorite bar: Whirlaway (3224 W. Fullerton)
Best meal in Chicago: Szechwan boiled beef at Double Li (228 W. Cermak Rd.)
Predicted Bears record: "I wouldn't even know the language to say it in. They're gonna win!"

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BLUE RAGE, BANDITS OF BANDAGES, JEFF DASCHBACH
8:30 p.m. $7. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

CHRIS ZAMORA GROUP
8 p.m. $5. The Tonic Room, 2447 N. Halsted St. 773-248-8400.

CHRISSY GARDNER
8 p.m. Free. Davenport's (in the piano bar), 1383 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-278-1830.

COLBY BESERRA
8:30 p.m. Cover varies. The Underground Wonder Bar, 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

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7:30 p.m. $15. Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-280-2660.

DIME STORE STRING BAND
9 p.m. Free. Wild Rover, 6001 N. Paulina Ave. 773-743-2400.

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9 p.m. $7. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave. **mpshows.com**

***[DUNKLEBUNT], DJ GANTINA ANGELA**
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EAGLES
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***EDMAR CASTANEDA QUARTET**
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2 a.m. Free. The Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

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9 p.m. $8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

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Sigur Ros

Metromix's top shows

SIGUR ROS
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8 p.m. Sold out. The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. 312-559-1212.

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7:30 p.m. $25. Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave. 312-559-1212.

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When's the last time you had your face melted? With High On Fire, Nachtmystium.
5:35 p.m. $23-$26. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

A CONCERT AGAINST DOGFIGHTING: TWISTA
Local rapper headlines show for a good cause. With EPMD, Mic Terror.
9 p.m. $18-$22. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

DARIUS RUCKER
Hootie gone country!
8 p.m. $15. Joe's, 940 W. Weed St. 312-559-1212.

JIMMY JOHNSON
9:30 p.m. $10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

KELLY BRAND NEXTET
9 p.m. $10. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

KENNY PHELPS
8 p.m. Free. Redhead Piano Bar, 16 W. Ontario St. 312-640-1000.

KILLER RAY ALLISON
9:30 p.m. $7. Rosa's Lounge, 3420 W. Armitage Ave. 773-342-0452.

KILLOLA, THE ACTION DESIGN, THE SAPIENS, HOLD EVERYTHING
8 p.m. $8-$10. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

LEON REDBONE
8:30 p.m. $20. FitzGerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Rd., Berwyn. 708-788-2118.

LITTLE PIECES, GIRL ACTIVITY
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ORION ENSEMBLE
7:30 p.m. $8-$23. Ganz Hall at Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan Ave. 630-628-9591.

PETE BEST
8 p.m. $20-$25. Heartland Cafe, 7000 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-465-8005.

PETER MILETIC
11:45 p.m. Free. Redhead Piano Bar, 16 W. Ontario St. 312-640-1000.

PISTOL PETE
9:30 p.m. $7-$10. B.L.U.E.S., 2519 N. Halsted St. 773-528-1012.

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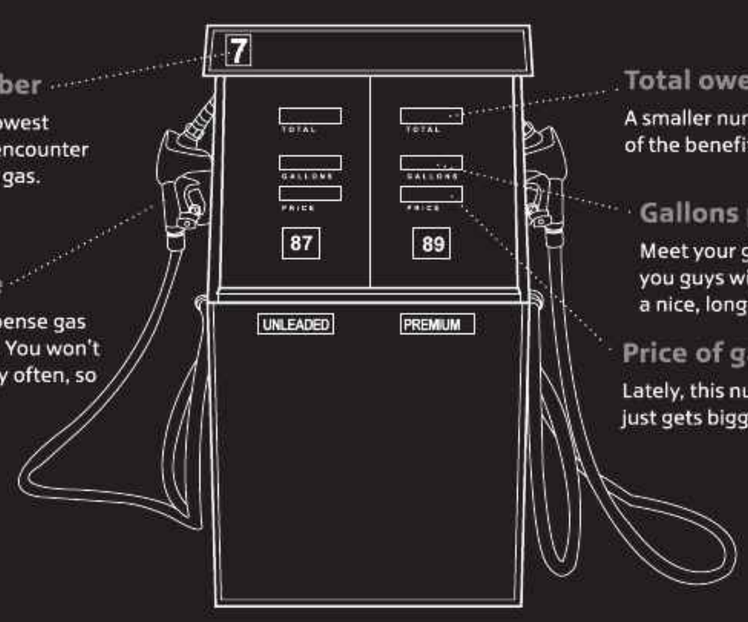

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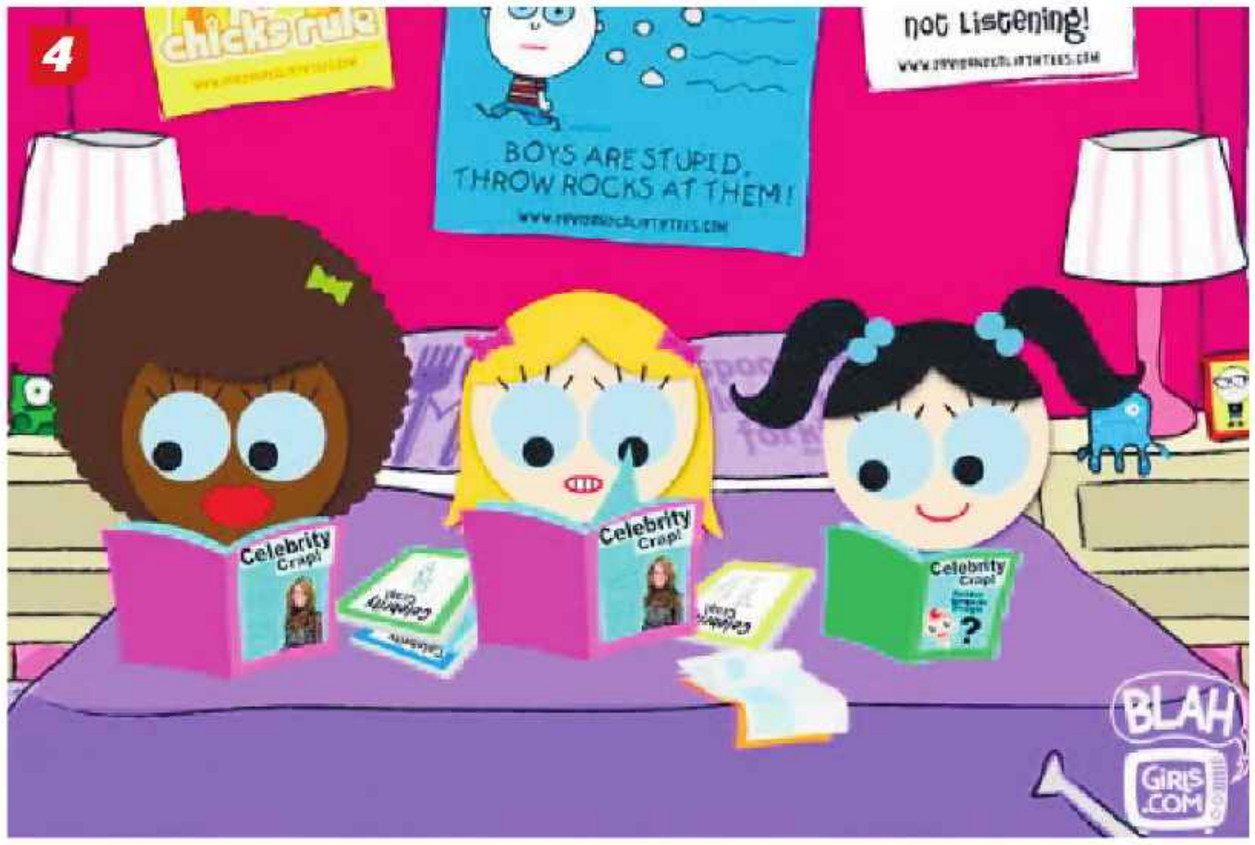
TV's Web reality

A critical mass of new online shows hits computer screen

Los Angeles Times

For the last year or so surfers on the Net could find professionally made Web series. Ever see "Clark and Michael"? Or "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog"? They're still there. The Web series "Sanctuary," starring "Stargate SG-1" vet Amanda Tapping, is making the leap to TV in October. But this month and next, there's a critical mass approaching: Hollywood is bringing out what you might call the first "new season" of spiffy, corporate-backed series designed to be watched on your computer. **REDEYE CONTRIBUTED.**



1 Web Therapy
lstudio.lexus.com

Former "Friends" star Lisa Kudrow plays Fiona Wallice, a therapist who works with clients over the Internet in short three-minute sessions because clients talk about "dreams and feelings and memories ... that add up to a whole lot of nothing" in 50-minute sessions. She sees five different clients in 15 episodes, including those played by Tim Bagley, Bob Balaban, Jane Lynch, Rashida Jones and Dan Bucatinsky.

2 LG15: The Resistance
lg15.com/theresistance

This is the latest installment of the epic of schoolgirls and secret cults that began with Web sensation "Lonelygirl15" and continued with "KateModern." The new show, by creators Miles Beckett and Greg Goodfried, will dive deeper into the world of "the Order"—the nasty Free Mason-like society that hunts for girls whose blood confers special powers.

3 Sorority Forever
thewb.com/shows/sorority-forever

The **wb.com**'s sorority mystery show comes in super-fast-moving three-minute episodes that began Sept. 8 and will continue to be released every weekday until the finale on Halloween. Yes, spooky things are happening to the sexy sisters of Phi Chi Kappa, a house that keeps its members under constant video surveillance, subjects them to weigh-ins and sports an ominous red door in the basement.

4 Blah Girls
blahgirls.com

The guys behind "Beauty and the Geek," Ashton Kutcher and Jason Goldberg, have gone animated with a celebrity-gossip comedy show featuring potty-mouthed, celeb-obsessed teenagers named Britney, Krystle and Tiffany. In three-minute hits, they riff on celebrity news, go on celeb-stalking adventures, and alternately bad mouth and worship celebrities in impeccable teen-speak. The show features two new episodes a week, plus a Perez Hilton-like blog kept by the characters.

5 Easy to Assemble
easytoassemble.tv

Illeana Douglas, playing herself, announces in an early episode of the show she created and wrote: "I decided to turn down the bad TV movie and live my life as a bad TV movie instead." So she's taken a job at the Burbank Ikea. The show, which launches Monday, plays in the vein of HBO's "The Comeback" and "Extras," finding comedy in the small and large humiliations of the acting life, especially after 40.

6 Hooking Up
hookingupshow.com

On the fictional Bask University campus, there's a good deal of hooking up, a massive amount of Facebooking and a few stabs at relationships. Jessica Rose of "Lonelygirl15" is in this show too, as freshman Meg Henley. In one of the few clips available before the Oct. 1 launch date, she gets smooth-talking Nick Fisher to update his Facebook status to "In a relationship with Meg Henley." She coos in delight as he leads her hand to refresh the page. The show comes from HBO's new media division, HBOLabs.

7 Dating Brad Garrett
crackle.com/c/dating_brad_garrett

This may be the first online dating reality show, and it's definitely the first one to feature a celebrity. A lovelorn Garrett has turned to Sony's Crackle video site to help him find a match from among dozens of women who sent audition videos. On his dates, Garrett is able to woo his companions and get in the requisite number of raunchy zingers ("You're only 5-3? I'd be nuts over you!"). The season is composed of 10 blind dates—each clocking in at three minutes.

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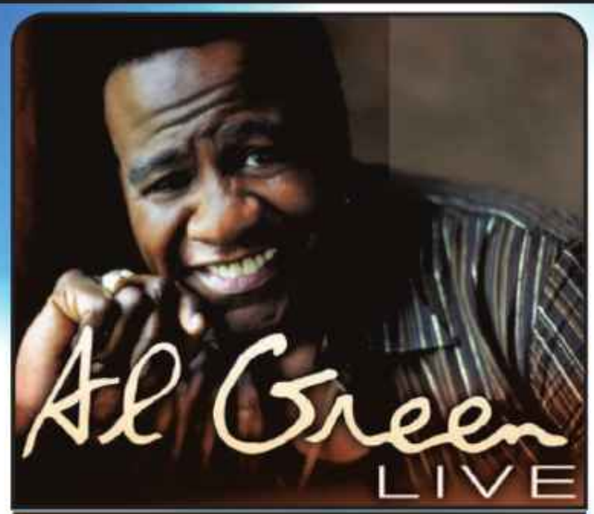

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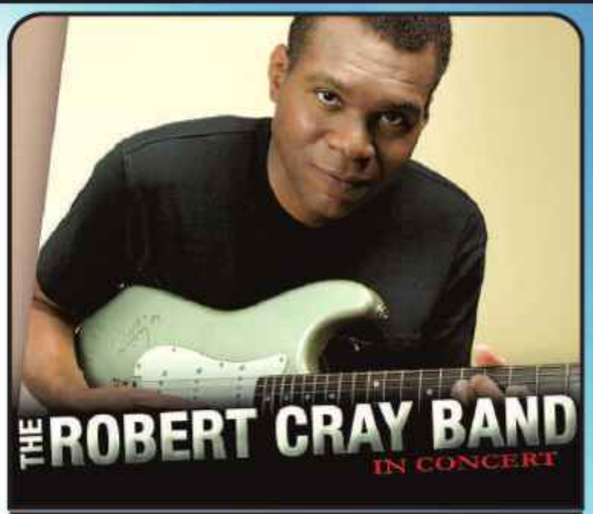

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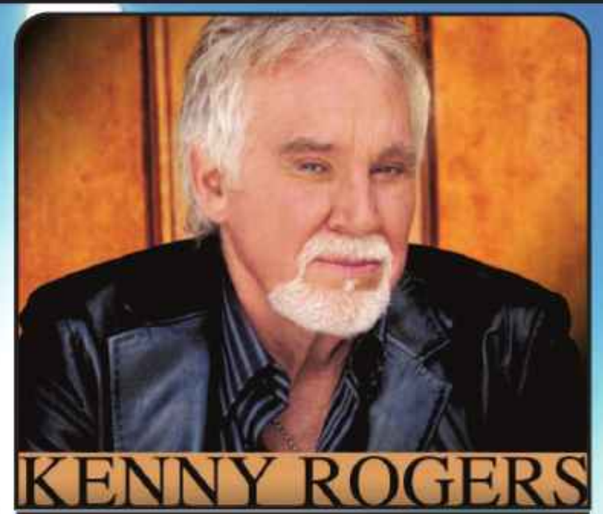

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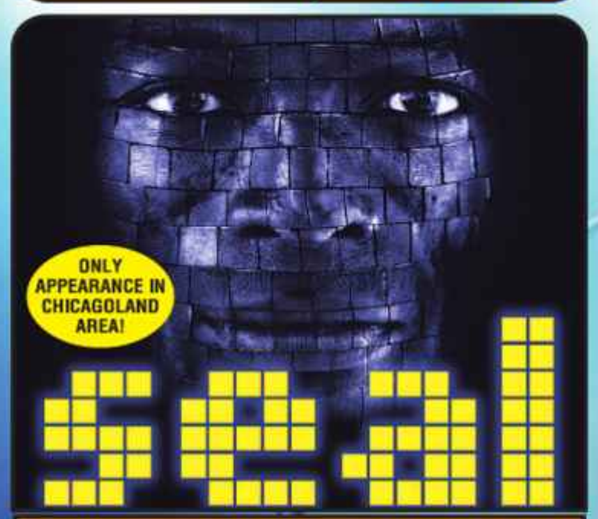

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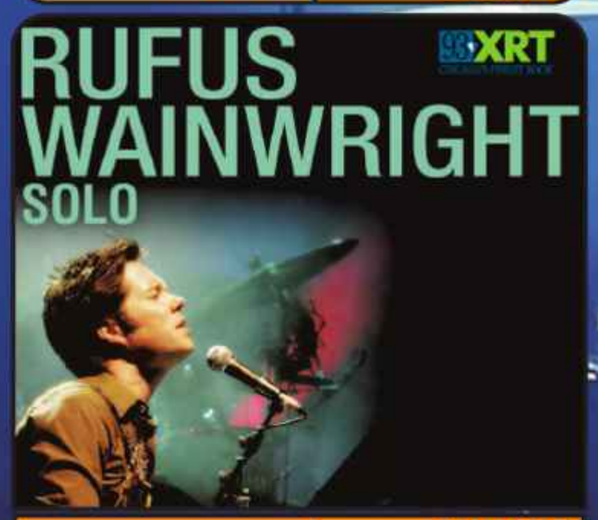

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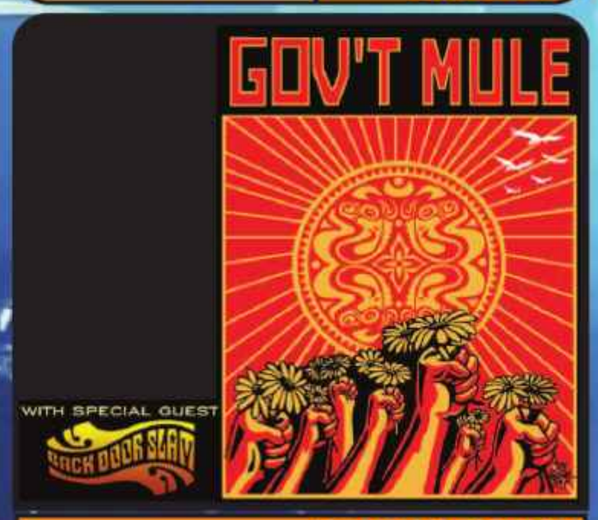

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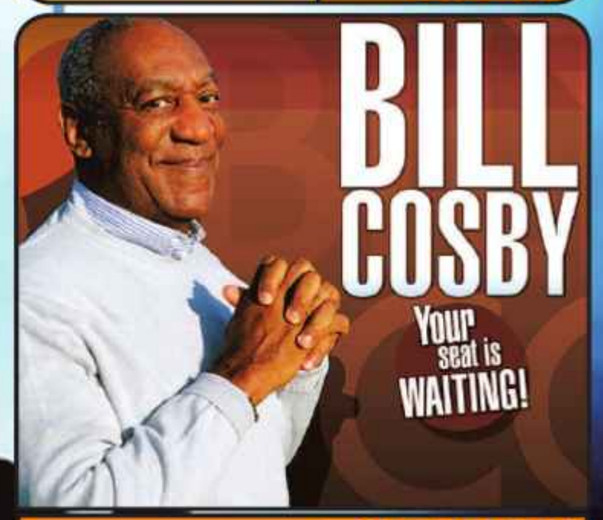

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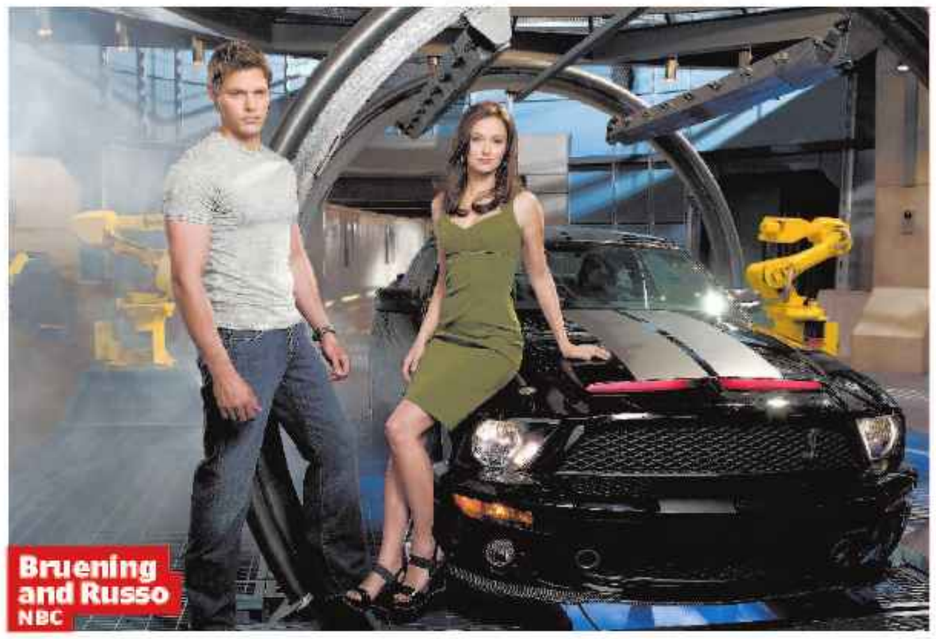

Bruening and Russo
NBC

Knight Rider *7 p.m. Wednesday NBC*

The scoop: KITT the car does more than talk in this update of the old series. It also speeds, reads books, performs first aid and morphs into other Ford cars and trucks as if it's a Transformer. Hunky ex-military man Mike Traceur (Justin Bruening), son of David Hasselhoff's Michael Knight, drives it—or at least sits in the driver's seat. In the premiere, secret agent Sarah Graiman (Deanna Russo) is captured by baddies during a mission with Mike. He and KITT save her, but the chase scene that follows puts the "hot" in hot pursuit. A bomb engulfs KITT in flames so hot that Sarah and Mike have to strip down to their underwear to stay cool—and alive.

What works: Umm, did I mention Sarah and Mike strip to their underwear?

What doesn't: When a talking car gets the best lines (delivered by Val Kilmer), you know something's wrong with the show.

Tune in or out? Tune in at least once, just to see this car wreck—get it, KITT's a car?—of a series. I don't even think 14-year-old boys are going to like this.

Gary Unmarried *7:30 p.m. Wednesday CBS*

The scoop: Recently divorced Gary (Jay Mohr) and his ex Allison (Paula Marshall) disagree on everything, including how to raise their two kids.

Mohr and Marshall
CBS

What works: Mohr knows how to deliver a zinger, and he gets a few that deserve the laugh-track laughter. He and Marshall have good chemistry and comic timing.

What doesn't: Pretty much everything else. We meet Gary's new love interest Vanessa (Jaime King) and the ex's former marriage counselor Walter (Ed Begley Jr.), who both have secrets that are revealed in ways that just don't make sense.

Tune in or out? This is a total throwback to the 1980s. The situations are silly, the characters are all stereotypical, and that laugh track is so annoying. Mohr is trying hard, and for his sake I hope it improves. But I don't see that happening.

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8 p.m. CBS

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9 p.m. CBS

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The number of gay and bisexual regular characters on prime-time broadcast network series this fall, more than double the seven of a year ago, according to the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

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Small kitchen, smaller budget?

Associated Press

Today's slow real estate market has caused an interesting trend: The brave souls taking the plunge into homeownership are increasingly turning to studio apartments and smaller homes.

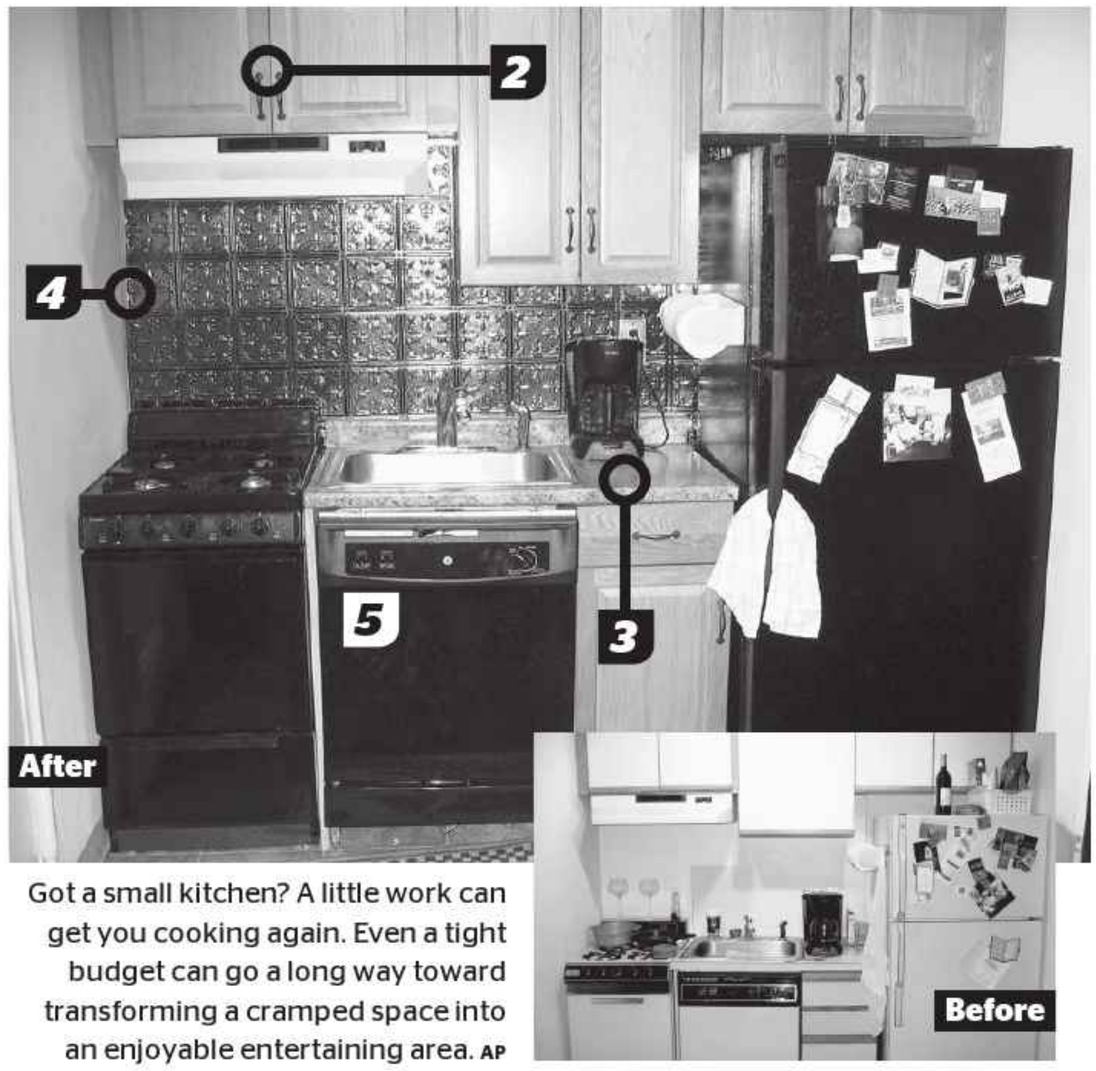
Their logic is rooted in efficiency. They really want to own a home—and afford one at the same time—and are willing to sacrifice space to accomplish that goal.

But there's one problem: Studio apartments aren't always livable upon moving in. Space is exceptionally tight, your bathtub might be in the middle of your living room, your kitchen area is so small that you might as well keep the local Chinese restaurant on speed dial.

A little work can get you cooking again, though.

You will be surprised how even a tight budget can go a long way toward transforming your cramped space into a cozy, enjoyable pad that will make your neighbors and friends with their bigger apartments envious.

For those of you baffled at how to pull off a kitchen remodel project at a relatively low price, here are some pointers:



Got a small kitchen? A little work can get you cooking again. Even a tight budget can go a long way toward transforming a cramped space into an enjoyable entertaining area. AP

5 TIPS TO RENOVATE

1 Find free labor
Ask your parents, brothers and sisters, friends for help. Call it a reno-vacation, if you will.

2 Keep it simple with your cabinets
Your local home improvement store will have a great selection of in-stock cabinets that are very affordable and attractive. There's really no need to spend thousands of dollars on custom cabinets when such quality products are available at lower costs.

3 Countertops
There is no need to cough up $50 or $100 per square foot for marble or granite countertops when technological advances have so drastically improved the quality of laminates. For about $75, you can get 8 feet of a high-quality laminate countertop whose looks run from marble to granite.

4 Delicate flourishes
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by Lou Kesten, AP

Role-playing games live on Xbox 360

Infinite Undiscovery Square Enix / Xbox360 / $59.99

It's a standard setup—a gang of misfits take on The Man—populated by characters who are sometimes likable, sometimes annoying. After a sluggish start, the story becomes fairly intriguing. But combat, in which you control teenage flute-player Capell's swordplay while barking orders at your comrades, is awkward and often frustrating. And the world feels uninspired and underpopulated, taking the fun out of exploration. Undiscovery has its moments, but it feels sloppy in comparison with other Square Enix RPGs.

Tales of Vesperia Namco Bandai / Xbox360 / $59.99

Vesperia is action-packed, but I was disheartened to find that most battles can be won by rapidly pushing one or two buttons. A purple-haired dude named Yuri is searching for a substance called "blastia" that protects towns against monsters. He's also searching for his childhood friend Flynn, an imperial knight with a few secrets. Both missions lead Yuri into escalating danger as he unveils a conspiracy. The game allows a lot of side missions, hidden dungeons and cooking games, giving you plenty of places to explore.

Dragon Quest IV: Chapters of the Chosen Square Enix / NDS / $39.99

Turn-based RPGs—in which time stops while you decide the next move for each character on your squad—have gone out of fashion. But I miss the more cerebral style, and welcome remakes of classics like this adventure from 1992. Each of the main characters in DQ IV stars in a special mini-adventure before they all gather to conquer their common foe. The mini-adventures are fun, providing vivid snapshots of small parts of the world before thrusting the combined team into a planet-spanning drama. DQ IV is one of the most innovative old-school RPGs.

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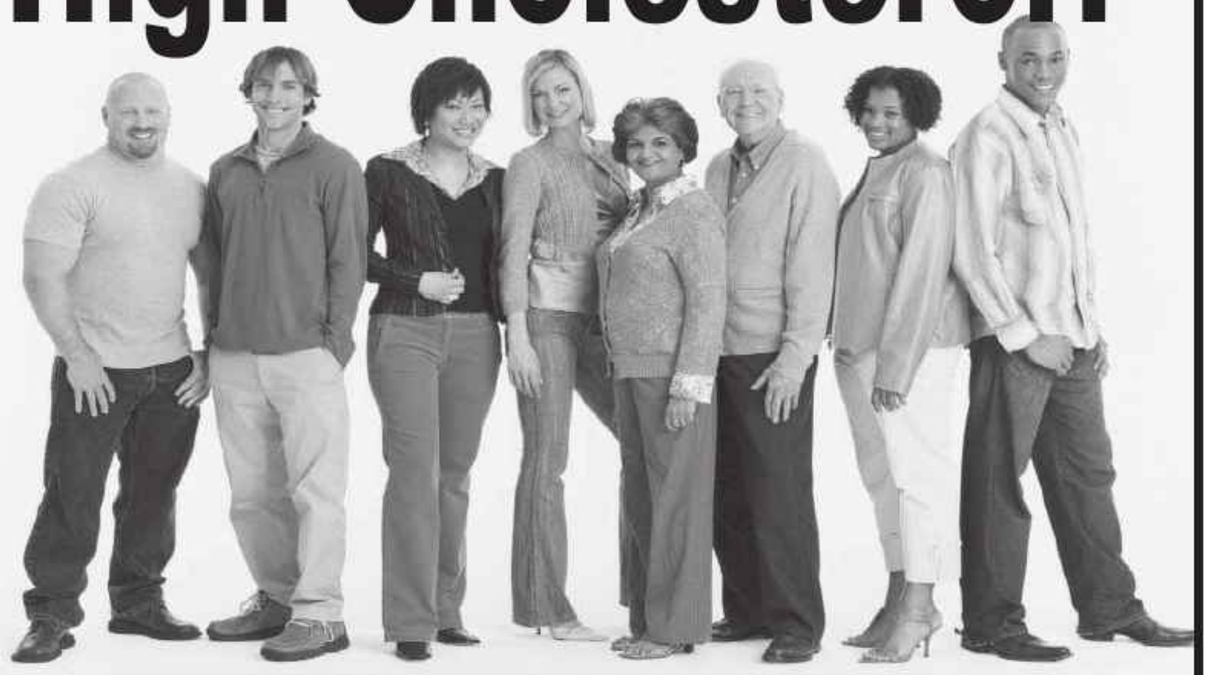

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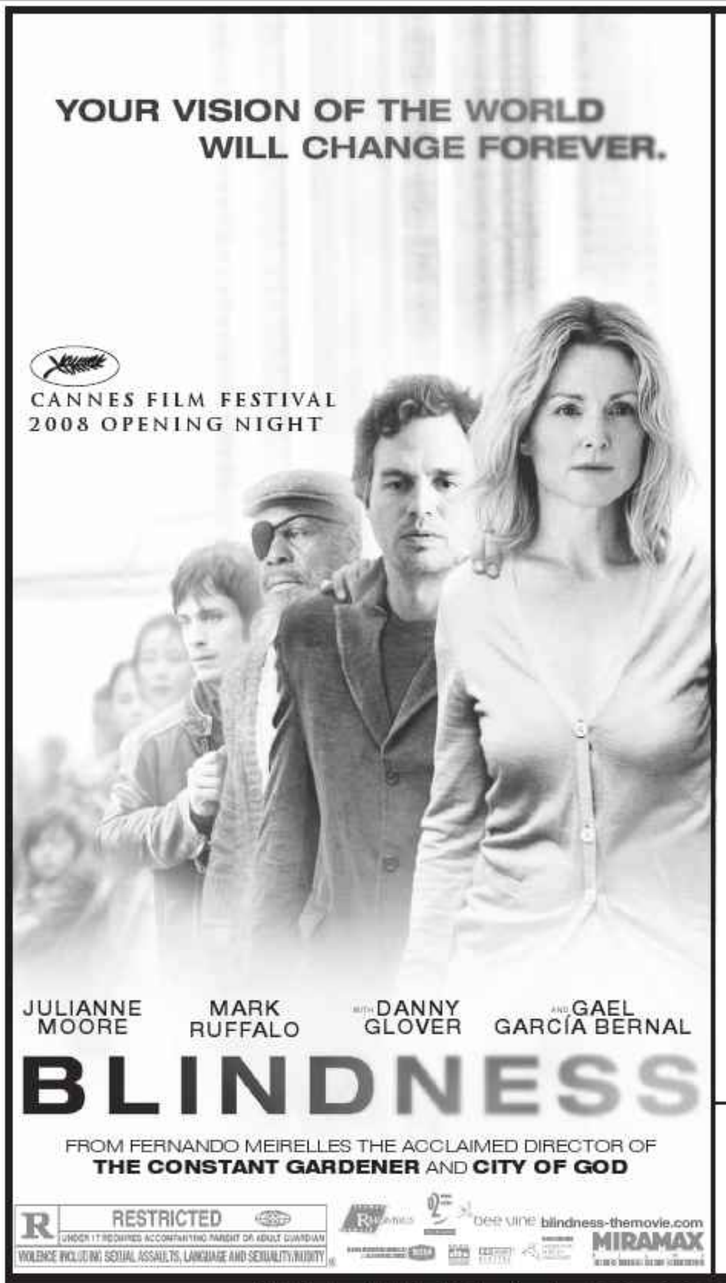

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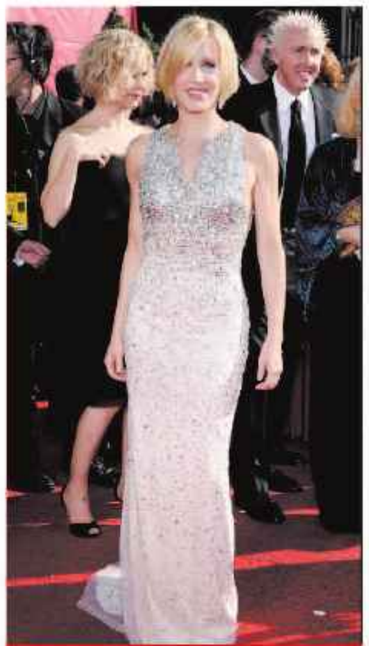

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Tennille: Prom circa 1983.	She is beautiful, but the dress is ghastly.	This is a dazzling yet youthful dress.	The skirt is stunning, but the bodice looks shaggy.	She is way too fabulous for this old grandma dress.	Absolutely flawless.
Phnewfula: She lights up every red carpet.	Solid gold meets couture.	Despite the extra two yards of fabric, she looks gorgeous.	Pink poodle alert!	So the shoes and bag match the lipstick?	The dress is perfectly complemented by her glow of survival.

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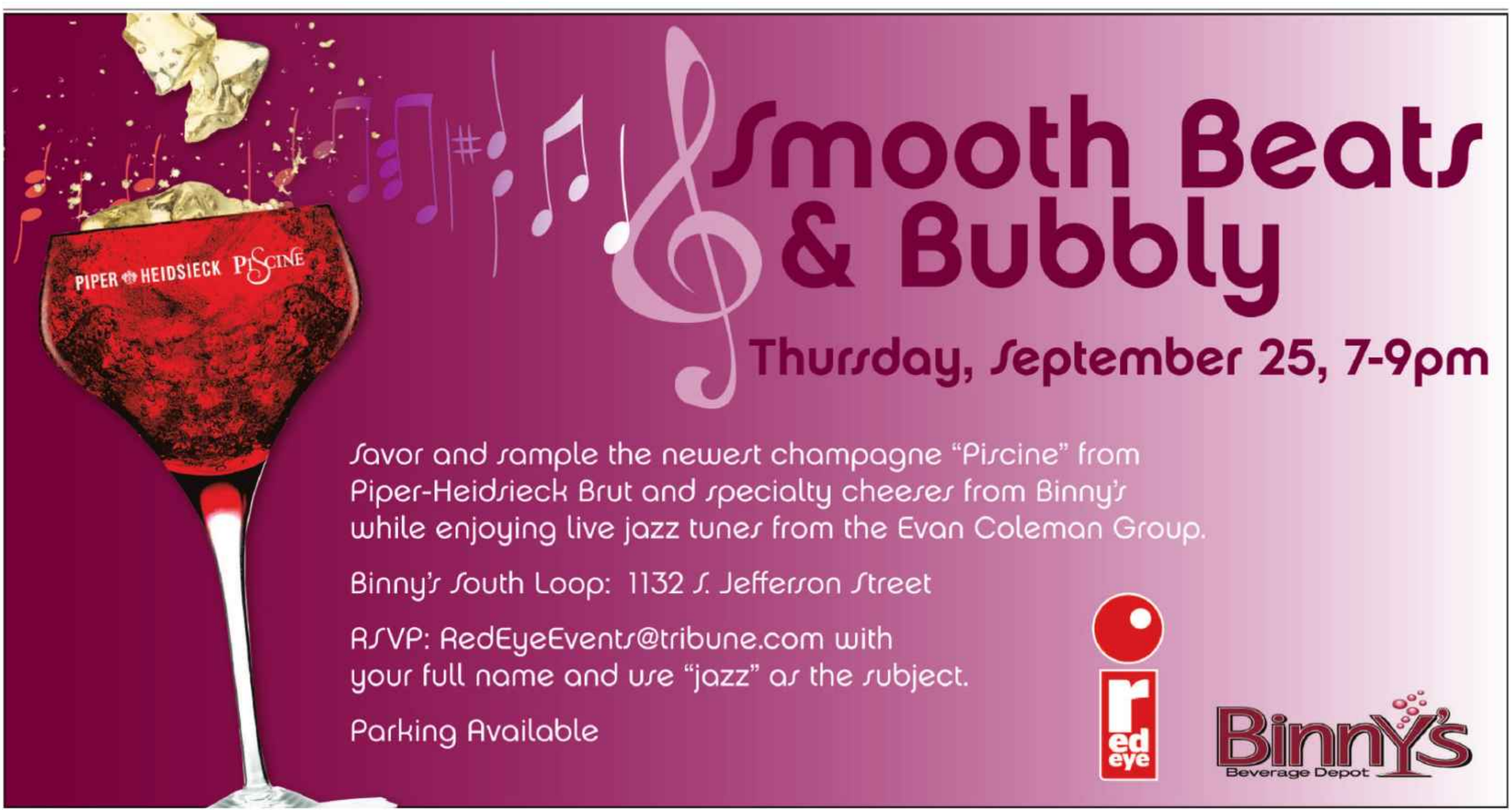

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Any person wishing to comment on the proposed budget may present views orally at the public hearings or by submitting written material on or before the last date of the hearings, which is Thursday, October 30, 2008, or by accessing our website at www.pacebus.com in the Public Hearing Comment Form area. Copies of the proposed program and budget are available for public inspection at:
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550 West Algonquin Road
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Public Hearing Locations, Dates and Times follow:
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OPENING DATE
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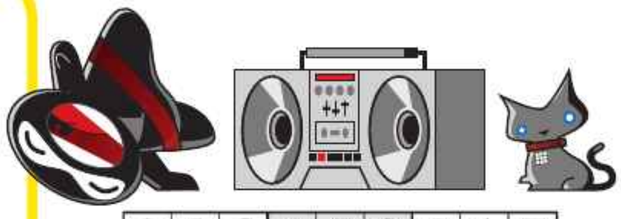

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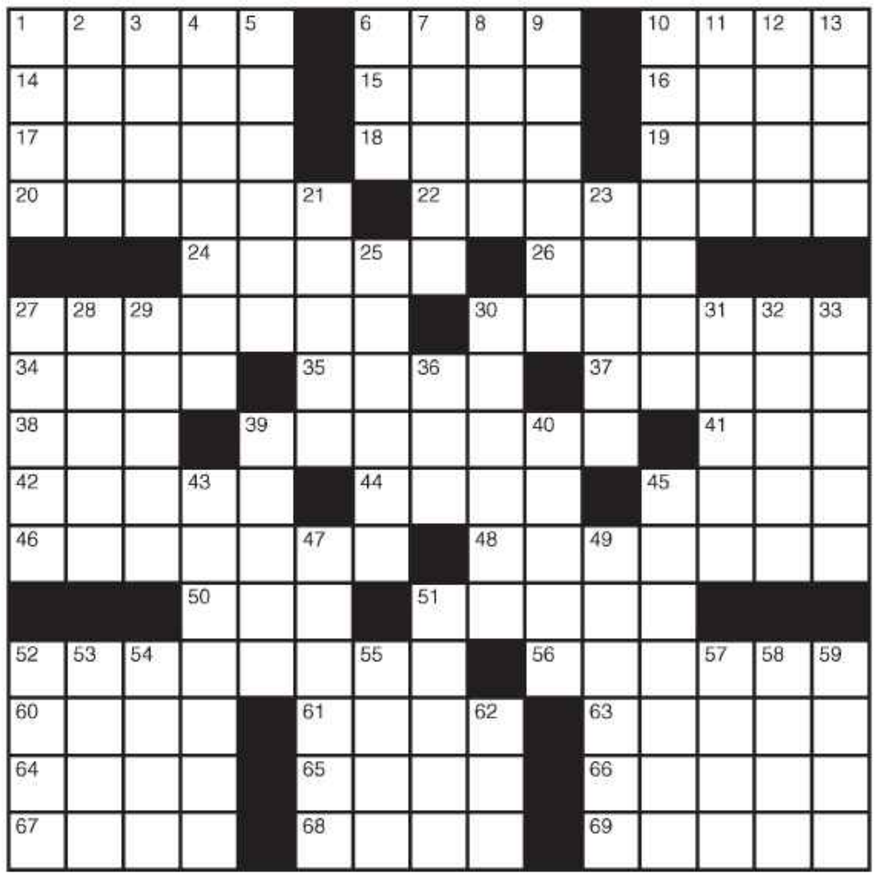

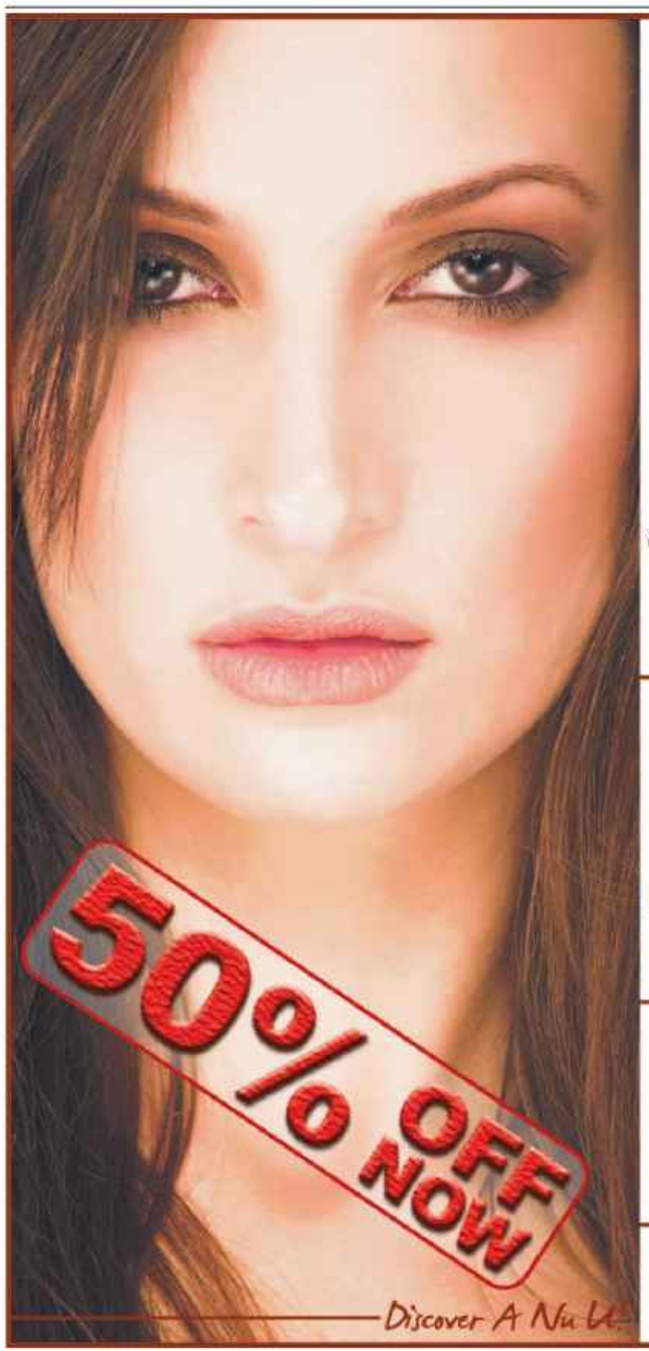

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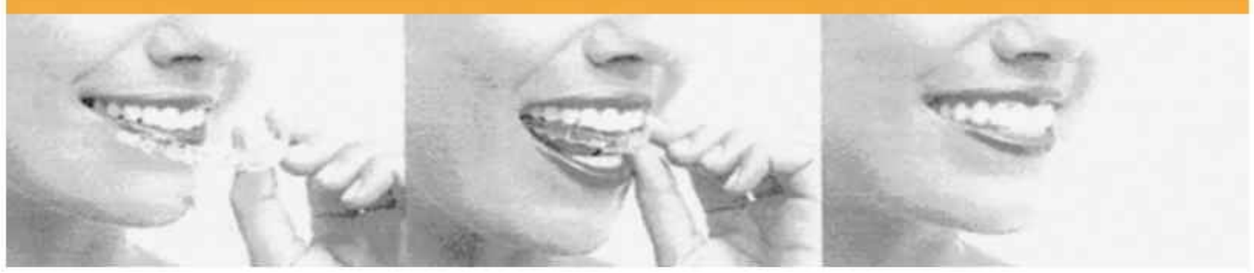

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Tipping point

Whose advice is better: Gwyneth Paltrow's or Oprah's?

Looking to nourish your "inner aspect"?

Look no further than **goop.com**, a new lifestyle Web site by Gwyneth Paltrow that claims to do just that.

"Whether you want a good place to eat in London, some advice on where to stay in Austin, the recipe I made up this week, or some thoughts from some of my sages, GOOP is a little bit of everything that makes up my life," reads an essay on the "GOOP by Gwyneth Paltrow" site.

The site, apparently in its beginning stages, is divided into five categories—"Make," "Go," "Get," "Be" and "See"—and relies heavily on the power of pastels. Pictures of butterflies, eating utensils and a bicycle are just some of the icons used to convey where she's coming from. There's also a spot to sign up for a newsletter.

"Over the years I have tried lots of different things," reads another excerpt of the Paltrow essay. "I have made lots of mistakes. But I have figured some things out in the process, and I would like to share them with you."

After taking a moment to digest it all, certain questions no doubt spring to mind: Gwyneth Paltrow has sages? What the heck does GOOP mean? And, most importantly for RedEye's purposes, what will the guru of all gurus—Oprah Winfrey—have to say about all this?

Seems like an opportune time to break out the ol' celebri-scales to see which celeb's lifestyle advice has the most weight: The Big O's or Paltrow's.

Oprah Winfrey's advice

- If you're in Oprah's book club, you're on the best-seller lists.
- "The Oprah Winfrey Show"? It gets like 44 million viewers a week.
- And she also has a radio show. And a magazine.
- Forbes magazine has ranked her as the most powerful celeb.
- She can make anyone cry in an interview.
- Not only is she a guru, but she also begets other gurus (Dr. Phil and Rachael Ray, anyone?).

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Gwyneth Paltrow's advice

- She has a Web site titled "GOOP."
- She's a successful, Oscar-winning actress.
- Married to Coldplay frontman Chris Martin. Kids: Apple and Moses.
- Apparently she knows a good restaurant in London.

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Nice work

Gwyneth Paltrow has a lot of movies under her belt. For which one did she win an Oscar in 1998 for best actress in a leading role? Text "**best**" and the number of your reply to **47383**. You'll get an answer telling you if you're right.

1. "The Talented Mr. Ripley"
2. "Great Expectations"
3. "Shallow Hal"
4. "Shakespeare in Love"

Aiken
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Aiken, son on People cover

The cover of the latest People magazine shows Clay Aiken holding his infant son, Parker Foster Aiken, with the headline: "Yes, I'm Gay." The cover also has the quote: "I cannot raise a child to lie or hide things," according to The Associated Press.

The magazine has an interview with Aiken and confirmed that he was on the cover but refused to release the article to The Associated Press until Wednesday.

The baby's mother is Aiken's friend and record producer Jaymes Foster.

Two of a kind

Lights, camera, album! 50 Cent is working on a feature film, titled "Before I Self-Destruct," to accompany the release of his album of the same name, Rolling Stone reports. Though the flick, due Dec. 9, is to be based on the album, "It's not Purple Rain," Fif says, referring to Prince's epic music-based movie. It's not biographical either, he says, but instead is made to show what he calls "urban life" in a new way.

Road trip!

"Rock of Love" star Bret Michaels is hitting the road—literally. In his new reality dating show, "Rock of Love Bus," contestants will deal with Michaels' life on the road, according to a VH1 statement. "Nobody knows their way around a tour bus like Bret Michaels," producers Mark Cronin and Cris Abrego said in a statement, "and we are confident that the audience will enjoy the ride." The show's slated for an early 2009 debut.

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George Clooney. Reportedly, he's not coming back to "E.R." Evah!

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Dane Cook's housing issues. TMZ reports that he's abandoned a legal case to keep the apartment from which he was evicted.

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Puppet U

A hip-hop mogul, fashion follower and blogger, Kanye West seems to have his hands in everything—why not puppets?

On the heels of working with the creative team behind Comedy Central's puppet-based prank show "Crank Yankers" for his video "Champion," West and fellow Chicago rapper Rhymefest have signed on to produce a puppet-driven pilot tentatively called "Alligator Boots" for the network, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

Much like "The Muppet Show," "Boots" will have a guest host for each episode with Kanye playing that role in the pilot. The show reportedly is being considered for the network's 2009 schedule.

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LiLo comment

Lohan

Lindsay Lohan has commented on the connection between her and celebrity DJ Samantha Ronson.

Pressed Monday by "Loveline" radio host Ted Stryker about how long she and Ronson have been "going out," LiLo laughed and said, "A very long time."

The two have been photographed together, but they rarely comment on the nature of their relationship.

"Well I hope you guys stay together, you're a very lovely looking couple," Stryker says later in the interview, according to online excerpts.

"Thank you very much," Lohan responds.

At press time, no further comment about the interview was published on either woman's MySpace page or on **people.com** or **usmagazine.com**.

Till later do we part

Hugh Hefner says he and Playboy playmate Holly Madison are still together—for now.

"She is still my girlfriend," he tells **usmagazine.com** of his honey from "The Girls Next Door."

But will it last?

"I don't think anything lasts forever," Hef says. "I love her very much, but you know, she wants very much to get married and have children. That isn't very much in the cards for me. ... So there has to be a certain reality there. And I'm sure the time will come when she'll be dating others. That's part of the transition."

Shooting for the StarRoc

Looks like Jay-Z has a new gig. The rapper has quietly launched a new record label called StarRoc, MTV News reports.

The venture will pair Jay-Z with Norwegian songwriting and production duo Stargate. That team, made up of Mikkel Eriksen and Tor Erik Hermansen, worked on Ne-Yo's "So Sick," Rihanna's "Unfaithful" and "Take a Bow," and Beyonce's "Irreplaceable," according to MTV.

8 Number of "90210" episodes still to come, now that the CW has announced it is picking up the show for a full season.

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